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PM promises action on Nazis

By RON CSILLAG & RANDY FISHER

OTTAWA —

Canada's Jewish community has received a personal commitment from Prime Minister Brian Mulroney to move on the issue of alleged Nazi war criminals living here.

Over the weekend, Mulroney telephoned Milton Harris, chairman of Canadian Jewish Congress's war crimes committee, to offer his personal assurances that despite some foot-dragging and legal setbacks, the war crimes issue is still an important concern for the government.

"He indicated he will push [the issue] himself," Harris told The CJN.

Mulroney's call came the day after federal Justice Minister Kim Campbell abruply cancelled a meeting with CJC officials because the media had been alerted to it.

Mulroney saw the story in the newspapers and telephoned Harris, whom he has known since 1983, when Harris was president of CJC and Mulroney was opposition leader. At the time, Mulroney, then leading in the polls, "made a personal commitment" to move on the war criminals issue, Harris said.

"He totally delivered on his word."

The Conservatives, he pointed out, set up the Deschenes inquiry and amended the Criminal Code to allow for the prosecution in Canada of war criminals. The war crimes dossier "is a major, personal issue" for the prime minister.

Mulroney did not apologize for Campbell's behavior because he said he had not heard her side of the story, Harris said.

During the conversation, Harris said Mulroney reminded him of Canada's strong pro-Israel stance during the Gulf War. Mulroney said he found out about the bombing of Tel Aviv eight minutes before the Scuds landed there, and rushed to the House of Commons to come to Israel's support.

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Harris expressed to Mulroney "the same concern we tried to express to Campbell," namely, that the government is not serious about prosecuting suspects.

"We can only infer," following the aborted meeting with Campbell, "that she's not comfortable with the matter," Harris said.

He said senior CJC officials considered going directly to Mulroney anyway after the failed meeting with the justice minister.

"This whole issue turns on the prime minister. Without him, the response would be the same as the Liberals'" had been, Harris remarked.

For her part, Campbell "was upset that the media were called" to the meeting with CJC, said Owen Lippert, her press secretary. "We had no prior warning" that reporters would be invited.

"A private meeting should not be turned into a media event."

"We're absolutely flabbergasted," said Jack Silverstone, CJC national executive director. "Had we been asked before or during the meeting that it was off the record, then we certainly would have honored the request," he said.

"We were truly surprised and offended by her reaction."

Campbell told a television interview she didn't think a private matter "on a very important issue" should be turned into a media opportunity for CJC "to make their points publicly."

"I don't think we need to be reminded of the seriousness of this issue," Silverstone commented.

Silverstone, Harris, CJC communications head Mike Cohen and CJC director of legislative analysis Eric Vernon went to Campbell's office Friday morning.

After a five-minute wait, "the minister came out agitated and said it was not a good time to meet with her," said Vernon.

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PEARLS OF THE MEDITERRANEAN

Evan Pezas, (left), director for Canada, Greek National Tourist Organization and Yehuda Shen, director for Canada, Israel Government Tourist Office, are joining forces to promote tourism. See story page 14.

Israel's U.S. envoy links settlements, assistance

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

Israel's outspoken ambassador in Washington, Zalman Shoval, stirred up a hornet's nest over the weekend when he advised Israelis that they would have to choose between building new settlements in the territories and U.S. economic aid to absorb Soviet immigrants.

In a series of Israel Radio interviews from the U.S. capital, the envoy made clear his opinion that Israel could not have both.

Israel's official position is that the two issues are unrelated.

Government officials could not conceal their embarrassment, and the political right is furious. Reports circulated that Shoval was upbraided by Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir.

Shamir said Sunday that he merely had a "clarifying conversation" with the envoy, leaving observers to ponder the distinction.

Israel is expected to seek $10 billion in U.S. loan guarantees this September to help absorb Soviet immigrants. The Bush administration has hinted that its receptivity to the request may be influenced by the degree to which Israel cooperates with its peace efforts.

Israel's settlement drive in West Bank and Gaza Strip has been a major source of friction. The Americans view the settlements as an "obstacle" to peace.

But a statement issued by the Prime Minister's office Sunday reiterated that Israel did not regard the two issues to be in any way linked. It stressed that the economic aid is humanitarian while the settlements are a political matter.

Shoval's remarks made clear his opinion that the Americans think differently.

"The government of Israel will have no choice but to decide if it is more important to continue settlement-building in Judea, Samaria and Gaza, or obtain American aid for the absorption of Soviet immigrants," the ambassador said.

He stressed that he himself took no position but intended only to lay out the problem facing the government.

"There is no escape from this choice," Shoval said on his first Israel Radio interview. "If the government refuses to freeze the settlements, it must know whether it is capable of absorbing the immigrants without U.S. aid."

He made the same point in subsequent interviews. Some observers said he pulled the rug from under the efforts of Israeli diplomats and pro-Israel lobbyists to persuade Congressional opinion that immigrant aid and peace policy should not be linked.

REENA FOUNDATION DINNER

Ontario Premier Bob Rae raises the hand of Reena Foundation client Howard Zimmerman, while foundation chairman Harold Wodinsky looks on at last week's annual Reena Foundation Dinner. See story on page 18. [Ron Csillag photo]

No issue July 4

TORONTO —

In keeping with The CJN's revised 47 issues a year publishing schedule, there will be no issue of July 4.

The issue following (July 11) will be printed earlier than usual to allow The CJN to close its offices the week of July 8. This will enable staff to enjoy some vacation time.

Please make note of these early deadlines:

Editorial deadline for the July 11 issue is Friday, June 28.

Advertising deadlines are as follows:

Classified and organizations: Tuesday, July 2 at noon; display: Wednesday, July 3 at noon.

As a result of the paper closing during the week of July 8, there will be no issue July 18.

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Ottawa's Vaad Ha'ir gets female president

By
RANDY FISHER

OTTAWA —
For the first time in its 57 year history, the Vaad Ha'ir gavel passed from a man to a women.

After moving up the ranks of the community, Carleton University political science professor Maureen Molot took the helm from outgoing president Eli Rabin at the Ottawa Vaad's June annual meeting. And, she wasted no time in getting down to business.

"We're no longer a small community," she declared to the 225-strong audience. "We're growing in size and influence on the national scene."

Outlining her priorities for her two-year term, Molot put renewed emphasis on and called for "decisions" on the search for a site for construction of a new expanded Jewish Community Centre.

Secondly, she called for movement on Hillel Lodge. "It's dated and too small," she said. Underscoring her commitment to the community's elderly, she publicly affirmed her desire for "a new facility appropriate for community needs and financially viable."

Molot echoed Eli Rabin's sentiments on the value of Jewish education. "It is the engine of the community": important and vital to the long-term cultural survival of its members, she said. (Molot has been a prime mover in the push to get a Jewish high school in Ottawa for 1992.)

"Support for Jewish education is vital," Rabin said in his farewell speech. Rather, it is a vital building block bridging the past with the future. "Being a Jewish community is more than being a community of Jews," he said. "We must not short change our youngsters."

Improving community relations with university and high school students will be part of Molot's bailiwick, as will openly welcoming newcomers to Ottawa.

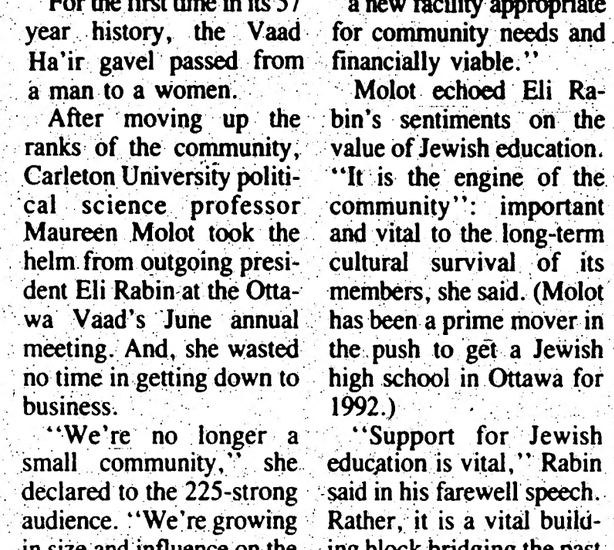
Molot termed Ottawa's connection with Israel as "strong and tangible" and called for "more Israel-related programming."

In attendance were Israeli Ambassador Itzhak Shelef; Liberal MPs Herb Gray and Mac Harb; Ottawa-West MP Marlene Catterall; Aldermen Jacquelin Holzman, Nancy Smith, Darrell Kent; Ottawa board of education trustee Brian McGarry; and past-presidents Hyman Gould, Hyman Soloway, Sol Shinder, Norman Zagerman and Joseph Lieff.

The community bade farewell to Israeli embassy press secretary David Walzer and community shaliach Reuven Solomon, as well as Vaad past-president Stephen Victor and Vaad executive member and former mayor of Ottawa Lorry Greenberg.

Vaad executive committee member Arnon Vered, 34, was presented the Freiman Family Young Leadership Award for 1991, (joining the ranks of 1988 recipient Barbara Farber; 1989 Stephen Greenberg; 1990 Morris Presser.) The award is given to a member of the Ottawa Jewish Community under the age of 40 who has actively contributed in the two or more years following his/her participation in the Young Leadership Development Program, or who, as a young leader, has rendered exceptional service to the Jewish community.

The Ottawa Jewish community's highest tribute went to Irving Greenberg, the recently-deceased chairman and president of Minto Developments, Inc. A tearful Shirley Greenberg accepted the Gilbert Greenberg Distinguished Service Award for 1991 on behalf of her husband.



Maureen Molot presents a ceremonial plaque and gavel to Dr. Eli Rabin. [Randy Fisher photo]

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Robert Mayer's design of children of different multicultural origins will be used to promote Canada Day.

Burlington teenager's winning poster to promote country on Canada Day

By
MOURA WOLPERT

BURLINGTON —
A Burlington teenager has won the national Canada Day poster contest.

Sixteen-year old Robert Mayer's colorful design of flag waving children of various ethnic origins planting a maple tree against a background of a blue poster with a large red maple leaf was the winning entry in a recent Canada-wide contest.

The poster will be displayed throughout the country to promote the July 1 Canada Day national holiday.

Last March, Mayer and the second and third runners-up from Ontario met with Lieutenant-Governor Lincoln Alexander at a reception at the Royal York Hotel. On July 1, Mayer and the two national runners-up will participate in the official Canada Day celebrations on Parliament Hill in Ottawa.

Robert Mayer

Mayer, whose favorite subjects are art and mathematics, is a Grade 11 honors student at Hillfield-Strathallan College, a private school on Hamilton mountain.

He heard about the contest from his art teacher, he told The CJN in a recent telephone conversation.

He's also very keen on sports, he said, with skiing, tennis and windsurfing as his favorites.

In fact, his mother Tatiana said, he already has a summer job lined up as a tennis and art instructor at a day camp at his school, which he'll be starting when he returns from a Quebec vacation later this month with his mother and 12-year old brother, Richard.

A single parent, Tatiana is a scientist with the Canada Centre for Inland Waters in Burlington. She came here from Czechoslovakia some 20 years ago.

Growing up in Czechoslovakia, she learned little about her Jewish heritage, said Tatiana, whose parents and sister now live in Germany and will be visiting later this summer.

However, her Jewish roots are beginning to assert themselves and Mayer now is a member of Hamilton's Temple Anshe Sholom.

Vaughan plans festivities for July 1

TORONTO —
Everyone in the City of Vaughan is invited to come and celebrate Canada Day together on Monday, July 1.

This year, Vaughan's first as a new city, a special dimension has been added to the festivities. Multicultural groups have been invited to participate through entertainment, music, food, displays, demonstrations, sports and games.

The "Hands Across Vaughan" Canada Day celebration will be held from noon to 5 p.m. at the Maple Community Centre (fully accessible), 10,190 Keele St. The event takes place both inside and outdoors, rain or shine.

Highlights include: entertainment with the Stylamanders, Helena Fine and her Magic Basket, a steel drum band, mariachi singers, choirs, the Tapistry dancers, Chinese lion dancers, clowns, face painting, relays, games, and races;

Childrens' rides — pony ride and a 25 mini-car circuit ($1 a ride); pre-school crafts and activities;

Sports — watch a B'nai Brith Baseball tournament game and participate in soccer, indoor and outdoor bocce, bowling (at regular rates), tennis and no-charge recreational swimming; demonstrations in sports, foods, Japanese origami and flower arranging, etc.; city and community displays; and food, including popcorn, kosher foods and multicultural food samplings.

Additional parking will be offered at Cadillac Lumber, the St. David's School lot, and at the Civic Centre. Vaughan bus transit service will be provided at no charge from the Civic Centre to the Maple C.C., throughout the afternoon.

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New languages commissioner

Goldbloom appointment lauded

MONTREAL —

Jewish community officials hailed the federal government's choice of Dr. Victor Goldbloom as commissioner of official languages, a man who has spent much of his life fostering better understanding between peoples, but many Jews have not forgotten Goldbloom's support of Bill 22, the Liberal government's law making French the official language in the early 1970s.

"We think it's an excellent choice," Canadian Jewish Congress Quebec region executive director Michael Crelinsten said. "We are delighted both for Dr. Goldbloom and the country.

"With his enormous experience and expertise, he is uniquely qualified. His integrity is impeccable and he is highly respected by the anglophone, francophone and allophone communities."

B'nai Brith League for Human Rights Quebec chairman Stephen Scheinberg was equally enthusiastic. "We're very excited by the appointment. It's an appropriate recognition of his talents and service to the community.

"At a time when bilingualism and our national ties are under attack, we're pleased that such a great representative of the Jewish community has been chosen for the important role of championing linguistic justice for minorities in the country."

Although Goldbloom's stand on Bill 22 might not have been what many in the Jewish community had hoped, Scheinberg sympathizes that Goldbloom had to follow the tradition of cabinet solidarity. Goldbloom's position disillusioned supporters in his heavily Jewish riding of D'Arcy McGee.

The president of the Canadian Institute on Minority Rights, Arthur Hiess, praised Goldbloom's personal attributes, but feels the former Quebec cabinet minister "will find himself in a dilemma" because of his support for Bill 22.

Dr. Victor Goldbloom

"I think he will find himself in a difficult position to defending minority rights in this province. His stand then will make his task more delicate. This time, he will have to be more outspoken."

Former Quebec Liberal party worker Reuven Carin was disappointed with the choice of Goldbloom. He said Goldbloom's "policy of quiet diplomacy and not rocking the boat have not worked" for Quebec anglophones.

Carin, who left the Liberals after Premier Robert Bourassa reneged on his promise to abolish Bill 101's French-only sign provision, said Goldbloom did not fight for English rights vigorously while a Member of the National Assembly, even while sitting in opposition to the Parti Quebecois.

He sees Goldbloom's appointment as another example of those in "the establishment" being rewarded with prestigious public appointments.

Equality Party leader Robert Libman, the D'Arcy McGee MNA now, said Goldbloom's support of Bill 22 should not held against him today.

"I think he has come to see how destructive the language laws have been over the years. In 1991, having seen 1,000s from our community leave, he should be able to bring greater sensitivity to the situation of Quebec anglophones. Hopefully, he will take a strong position for our rights."

Goldbloom, who was an MNA from 1966-1979, was the first Jew in the Quebec cabinet. Over the years, he has had extensive involvement in the Jewish community.

Among recent activities, he was a vice-chairman of the community's tripartite committee on the constitution and chief spokesman for the community at the Belanger-Campeau commission hearings.

At that time, he stressed that the Jewish community has deep roots in Quebec and plans to stay, but would like to feel non-francophones are welcome. He is the first Quebec anglophone to serve as languages commissioner.

He is a former chairman of CJC Quebec region's community relations committee and, at time of writing, chairman of the CRC's subcommittee on the constitution. He is also the longtime chairman of the Jewish Public Establishment Coordinating Committee, a grouping of the Jewish health care and social service institutions funded publicly.

He was last year's Negev dinner honoree of the Jewish National Fund and received the Samuel Bronfman Medal from Allied Jewish Community Services in 1989.

He remains Quebec president of the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews, an organization he served as chief executive officer from 1979-87.

Professionally, the former pediatrician is director of the Fonds de la recherche en sante du Quebec, a provincially funded medical research body.

Goldbloom, who was Quebec's first environment minister, was head of the Bureau d'audience publique sur l'environnement, a public inquiry into the control of toxic waste, until he was dismissed by then Environment Minister Lise Bacon in a disagreement over how much should be revealed to the public about the problem.

Many observers saw the subsequent appointment of labor leader Yvon Charbonneau, who has strong views against Israel and Zionism, as Goldbloom's replacement was viewed by some as adding insult to injury and insensitive to the Jewish community.

Constitution, unity high on CJC agenda

MONTREAL —

Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) has placed national unity and constitutional reform high on its agenda for the coming year.

"There has probably not been a time such as this when Canadians contemplate and debate so deeply the future of our country," states CJC president Les Scheininger. "As Canadians, we, the Jewish community of Canada also, therefore, stand at a crossroads, and it is our responsibility and obligation to involve ourselves in the debate and discussions which are taking place with respect to these critical issues."

CJC has a long history of participation in national debates on the nature of Canadian society. In the past few years, CJC has articulated the perspectives of the Jewish community of Canada on the patriation of the constitution, the enactment of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms and various federal and provincial constitutional initiatives. The Quebec region of CJC recently made a submission to the Belanger-Campeau Commission on the future of Quebec.

CJC has established a national unity committee, chaired by Quebec region Community Relations chairman Max Bernard, a Montreal attorney. Key leaders from CJC's Quebec region and representatives from Canadian Jewish Congress regions from across the country make up the committee.

In response to the current round of national debate, Congress submitted a brief to the Citizens' Forum on Canada's Future, known as the Spicer Commission. The brief spoke of the desirability of maintaining a strong, united Canada, one which recognized the special place of Quebec as well as the fundamental rights of Canada's aboriginal peoples and which promoted a renewed commitment to the essential values of Canadian society.

The brief to the Spicer Commission sets out the philosophical basis of CJC's persepective on the future of Canada. It was also felt, though, that a constructive dialogue was necessary among Jewish communities across the country to glean regional perspective on the critical national issues of unity and reform.

It will also be necessary to have in place a mechanism for responding to developments in the national sphere, as the timetable emerges for various national and provincial committees to be struck and reports tabled.

Additionally, recognizing that the traditional French-English dichotomy in the national debate exluded a significant "third voice" of groups whose heritage is neither, the Quebec region of CJC entered into a tripartite coalition with the National Congress of Italian Canadians and the Hellenic Canadian Congress.

This alliance emerged quite naturally, as the presentations to the Belanger-Campeau Commission of these three groups indicated similar views on the place of Quebec and of minorities in Canada. All three groups have since agreed to expand this contract into a national initiative, and plans are underway to consult with their communities across the country.

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Students strike for Syrian Jews

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

Jewish students across Canada say they are prepared to embark on rotating hunger strikes for as long as it takes Syria to allow its Jews to emigrate.

Members of the North American Jewish Students Network will each fast for one day to draw attention to the plight of Syria's oppressed 4,300 Jews, says Network president Joey Felsen.

The rotating fasts coincide with a hunger strike launched last month in Damascus by the Jewish brothers Eli and Selim Swed, who were sentenced to 6½ years in jail on unspecified charges, after spending 3½ years in custody [CJN, June 13].

According to sources in Syria, joining the Swed brothers in their life-threatening protest are Selim Swed's wife and their seven children, ranging in age from seven to 23.

Amnesty International believes the Sweds have been tortured in prison and that their hunger strike is a last, desperate act.

Each Network student who will fast will also send a letter to External Affairs Minister Barbara McDougall, asking that Canada pressure the Syrians to release the Sweds and ease emigration for Jews.

Last week, some of the students erected a mock Syrian pavilion during Metro's annual Caravan festival, in which 35 pavilions from countries and cities around the world take part in a cultural festival.

The pavilion, in Nathan Philips Square, featured "Syrian cookies" resembling padlocks and broken hearts, ransom letters, desecrated tomb stones, jewelry consisting of handcuffs and chains, and small mock ghettos to represent the three ghettos of Syrian Jews.

The pavilion will travel to Winnipeg during its Folklorama festival from August 14 to 17, Felsen said.

"We're prepared to fast for as long as it takes," he said. "We'll just keep going until the doors are open for Syrian Jews."

The rationale is to focus attention on Syria, now probably the last place on earth where harassment and oppression of Jews is state-sanctioned, Felsen added.

He said the Network students have received support from members of Parliament Bill Attewell and Jim Peterson.

Earlier this month, NDP MP Svend Robinson, the party's external affairs critic, wrote McDougall, urging her to raise the Sweds' case with the Syrians and to look into "violations of fundamental human rights against the Syrian Jewish population, particularly with regards to the right to emigrate."

Robinson added that he had raised the matter with former external affairs minister Joe Clark and was told on five separate occasions that an answer would be forthcoming.

Robison said he never received a response.

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B'nai Brith Canada's Institute for International Affairs has created a special committee for Syrian Jewry, as part of its on-going work on the matter. The national chairman is Michael Schelew, a past head of Amnesty International's Canadian division.

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Gloria Strom re-installed as president of NCJW

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG — Gloria Strom of Toronto was installed for a second consecutive two-year term as president of the National Council of Jewish Women of Canada at the NCJW's 26th biennial convention.

Strom was officially installed in the position by Sheila Freeman, a past president who chairs the Toronto section of NCJW, during the closing banquet June 4 at Winnipeg's Westin Hotel.

Freeman praised Strom for the leadership she has shown in steering the NCJW through a difficult time the last couple of years and wished her and her executive continued success in leading the organization over the next two years.

In her acceptance speech, Strom made references to the Noah Principle in connection with the NCJW saying: "In this organization, there are no prizes given for predicting rain. They are given for building arks. We build many arks for people through community service and education and we will continue to build them as we approach a new century and move in new directions."

Among the new directions to come out of the five-day convention are three new NCJW programs to help Jews in Russia, Russian and Ethiopian olim and the aged here at home. The In-Home service is going to be a cross-Canada program aimed at helping the ill and the aged remain in their homes as long as they can. Hot lines will be established which will be manned by professional counsellors geared to respond to the needs of these people.

Project Olim is intended to help Ethiopian and Russian immigrants to deal with family problems and other stresses arising from their new situations and surroundings in Israel.

The program in Russia is intended to help Jews in smaller communities who have chosen to stay in Russia. Strom reported NCJW is already shipping books, siddurim, games and dictionaries at the request of some of these people. "This is just getting started and it will grow as their needs grow," he said.

Joining Strom on the executive for the next two years are vice-presidents Miriam Charron of Montreal, Michelle Finkelstein and Evelyn Silver of Hamilton and Sharon Wolchock of Winnipeg, administrative secretary Evelyn Bernstein of Toronto, recording secretary Sarah Duboff of Winnipeg and treasurer Terry Goldenberg of Toronto and councillors Sharon Allentuck of Winnipeg, Susan Schiff of Hamilton and Cathy Zbarskie of Vancouver.

The National Convention chairman was Barbara Greenglass of Toronto with Judith Rossi the Winnipeg chair. As a point of interest, Rossi's mother, Sarah Duboff, chaired the last NCJW convention held in Winnipeg back in 1979.

Gloria Strom (left), national president accepts a gift from past president Sheila Freeman.

Exton awards presented

JERUSALEM — Each year, JNF of Canada presents the Esther and Eric Exton Education Award to those individuals who, by their devotion and efforts to the aims of JNF in the schools, universities and colleges, have contributed to the increased awareness and involvement of the students in Judaism and Zionism.

The 1991 Exton Award will be shared by Prof. Nitza Parry, co-ordinator of Jewish Studies & Israel Programs, Dawson College, Montreal; Ira Udow, principal of Talmud Torah I.L. Peretz School, Winnipeg; and Rabbi Pinchas Tessler, principal of Hebrew Studies, Associated Day Schools, Toronto.

Twelve years ago, Parry instigated the Dawson semester in kibbutz program in Israel, as a result of which hundreds of students have investigated their Judaism at its roots, learning Hebrew, experiencing the unique kibbutz society, planting trees in the forests of JNF (the Jewish Studies department has its own grove in Israel), and travelling the length and breadth of the land.

In Montreal, Parry heads a highly respected Jewish Studies department, and

Rabbi Pinchas Tessler

sits on the JNF Education Council, offering her experience for furthering Jewish Zionist education at all levels.

Udow has, in the short space of two years, succeeded in involving his class in many activities of JNF, such as with the help of the children re-instating the Blue Box in the family home.

Every month, the JNF Jerusalem Flag is awarded to the class that has collected most money in its Blue Box. The number of trees planted this Tu B'Shevat increased greatly. In short, with the co-operation of the staff and the JNF emissary Col. Shmuel Ben Shachar, the students and their families are experiencing the thrill of being partners in the building and developing of the Jewish homeland.

Ira Udow

Udow has a wealth of experience in special education and participates in many education committees in Winnipeg.

Rabbi Tessler has for many years been devoted to JNF, and has also won the Exton Award in 1983 while teaching at Herzliah High School in Montreal.

Rabbi Tessler's educational career spans about three decades, from Jerusalem to Montreal and Toronto. Among his leadership roles were chairman of the National Pedagogic Council, and president of the Torah Youth Council. The recipient of many awards, Rabbi Tessler is an integral part of Associated Hebrew Schools, has been very involved with the Tu B'Shevat program in the school's success story.

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Commencement exercises held

Yeshiva U. grads get degrees

NEW YORK —

Twenty-six Canadian residents received degrees at the 60th Annual Commencement Exercises of Yeshiva University in New York City, held at Lincoln Centre's Avery Fisher Hall.

Recipients include:

Chomedey, Laval — Joseph Bensmihen, (BA) Yeshiva College; Heidi L. Cohen, (MSW) Wurzweiler School of Social Work;

Cote St. Luc — Tamara D. Drazin, (BA) Stern College for Women;

Dollard des Ormeaux — Aviv Zeitz, (BA) Stern College;

Downsview, Ont. — Noam Z. Goodman, Jonathan I. Koschitzky, Haskell Nussbaum, and Yonah M. Parshan, (BA) Yeshiva College;

Hampstead — Ami S. Drazin, (BA) Yeshiva College;

Montreal — Marnie R. Fuchs, (BA) Stern College; Zvi J. Kaplan, (BA) Yeshiva College; Yosefa D. Kizelnik, (BA) Stern College;

North York, Ont. — Gilaad G. Deutsch, (BSc) Sy Syms School of Business;

Thornhill, Ont. — Nicole Brin, (MSW) Wurzweiler; Caroline Ohayon, (BA) Stern College; Mora M. Steinhouse and Jeff Todedano, (MSW) Wurzweiler; Cheryl Zaionz, (BA) Stern College;

Toronto — James M. Grimaldi, Cheryl K. Hirsh and Linda S. Roberts, (MSW) Wurzeiler; Ilana M. Sacknovitz, (BA) Stern College; Moshe D. Sherman, (PhD) Bernard Revel Graduate School;

Willowdale, Ont. — Karen R. Bendahan, (MSW) Wurzweiler; Dan M. Somogyi, (BA) Yeshiva College; and

Winnipeg — Richard D. Buchwald, (JD) Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law.

Students awarded degrees on May 29 included graduates of Yeshiva College and Stern College for Women, the men's and women's undergraduate divisions of liberal arts and sciences; and Sy Syms School of Business, which offers undergraduate business programs.

Also receiving degrees that day were graduate social workers from the Wurzeiler School of Social Work; pyschologists from the Ferkauf Graduate School of Psychology; teachers and administrators from the David J. Azrieli Graduate Institute of Jewish Education and Administration; and Jewish scholars from the Bernard Revel Graduate School.

Rabbi Mordecai Zeitz, spiritual leader of Congregation Beth Tikvah in Dollard-des-Ormeaux, greets his daughter, Aviva, at graduation exercises for Yeshiva University in New York City. The rabbi, an alumnus of four University schools and affiliates, delivered the invocation at the school's 60th Annual Commencement Exercises. Aviva, received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the university's Stern College for Women. Rabbi Zeitz, who founded Beth Tikvah in 1964, also serves as educational director of the Hebrew Foundation School in Dollard-des-Ormeaux, and is past president of the Board of Jewish Ministers of Montreal.

Canadians join Kollek's party

MONTREAL —

Canada was among the international delegations in Jerusalem for the recent joint celebration of the 80th birthday of Mayor Teddy Kollek and 25th anniversary of the establishment of the Jerusalem Foundation, a charity established by Kollek to assist in the development of the city.

The foundation has since raised many millions of dollars for restoration, beautification, educational, social, health and cultural projects.

The Canadian arm of the foundation has as its first president, Charles Bronfman, who remains as honorary chairman. He and his wife Andrea were also on the international organizing committee.

The Canadian delegation attending the four days of festivities were: Elaine Goldstein of Montreal, current president; and board members Neri Bloomfield, Gertrude and Martin Cohos and Sophie and Frank Kettner, all of Calgary, Sara and Ze'ev Vered and their son Ron of Ottawa, as well as Jim Hume and Shira Herzog Bessin, president and vice-president, respectively, of the Kahanoff Foundation.

Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek greets Jerusalem Foundation of Canada president Elaine Goldstein.

Other countries taking part were Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Denmark, France, Germany, Mexico, Netherlands, South Africa, Spain, Switzerland, United Kingdom, United States, the Soviet Union and Venezuela, as well as Israel.

Altogether almost 300 persons were present. The wide range of personalities taking part included President Chaim Herzog, Abba Eban, former head of the U.S. delegation to the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe Max Kampelman, former German chancellor Helmut Schmidt, former European Parliament president Simone Veil, Mavrik Wolfson, a member of the Supreme Soviet and Latvia's Labor Party and Likud Knesset member Benjamin Begin, Palestinian newspaper publisher and editor Osman Hallak, and Michael Jay Solomon, president of Warner Brothers television distribution.

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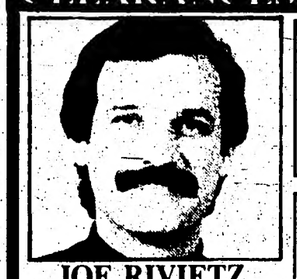

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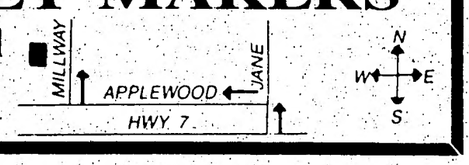

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Dr. Fathi Arafat meets The CJN

Intifada wearing down both sides

By
RANDY FISHER

OTTAWA —

Children are the pre-eminent victims of the intifada, which is wearing down the mental health of both Palestinians and Israelis, says Dr. Fathi Arafat, brother of Palestine Liberation Organization chairman Yasser Arafat.

Like a time bomb, no one knows how this phenomenon will manifest itself — "when and how it will arise," Arafat said in a 30-minute exclusive interview with The CJN at the Palestine Mission in downtown Ottawa last week.

"I am sure that Israeli children are suffering too," he added. "Whenever there's aggression it affects [everyone involved]."

The mental health of almost 40 per cent of Palestininians living in the West Bank and Gaza Strip has been adversely affected by the uprising, said the 58-year old Jerusalem-born physician and president of the Palestine Red Crescent Society. "The mental health situation is very bad," Arafat said.

While Arafat displayed concern with the effects of clashes between Palestinians and the Israeli army, he was relatively silent about the activity of West Bank and Gaza Strip youth gangs.

In the past 12 months, 286 Palestinians suspected of collaborating with Israel have been murdered by Palestinian vigilante youths in the territories.

The equivalent of minister of health in the PLO, Arafat was in Canada for nine days looking for "medical and social support" for Palestinians in the territories. His quest included money, equipment and medical personnel.

Arafat's Canadian tour, similar to one he made in 1989, saw him meet public servants, representatives of non-government organizations and Palestinian aid groups.

He also met with MPs, among them Liberals Marcel Prud'homme, Ethel Blondin and Independent Alex Kindy, at a luncheon organized by the Parliamentary Mid-East Study Group. A senior External Affairs official also attended, as did a number of ambassadors.

Arafat tried to confine his comments to his role as a doctor. On receiving help from or co-operating with Magen David Adom, Israel's equivalent of the Red Cross or Red Cresecent Society, he said, "I myself will be very ready for any humanitarian consideration." Asked whether any movement can be expected on the matter, Arafat replied: "I am ready.

"What is the difference between Israelis and non-Israelis? If we are in need we can accept anything." Even blood is on the list, he said.

Arafat said he believes Palestinians are at a competitive disadvantage. "We are the weak people. We are the weaker part [of the equation]."

Any offerings must come from the stronger Israeli neighbor, he said. "If the Israelis will give us our security, our human rights and a Palestinian state, we are ready to give them anything they want."

Arafat said he was encouraged by the recent elections in Hebron. It was the first election in the territories in 15 years and Islamic fundamentalists won a majority of the open seats.

"[An] election is a positive thing," he said. But the context is still important, he added: "Election under occupation is not a positive thing."

Arafat said he is hopeful for a resolution to the Palestinian problem. "I have 100 per cent hope." He was certain this would occur during his lifetime, but cautioned, "I may die in a minute."

CIC reacts to Arafat

OTTAWA —

Reacting to comments made during The CJN interview with Dr. Fathi Arafat, Rob Ritter, national executive director of the Canada-Israel Committee, said he thought Arafat should have displayed more concern with the presence of Palestinian children on the front lines of the intifada.

Arafat should be encouraging parents in the territories not to send their children into life-threatening situations, Ritter remarked.

Ritter also found it odd that Arafat appeared willing to accept aid from the Magen David Adom, Israel's equivalent of the Red Cross.

The Magen David Adom is not accepted by the International Red Cross.

Ritter said it is strange Arafat would accept help from an organization not recognized internationally and certainly not recognized by the Red Crescent Society, the Arab version of the Red Cross and of which Arafat is president.

The CIC's Simon Kahn mocked Arafat's claim to an Ottawa newspaper that the PLO did not support Saddam Hussein during the Gulf War.

David Walzer of the Israeli embassy said the whole world saw Yasser Arafat embrace Saddam before the war.

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Moshe Rivlin, world chairman of the Jewish National Fund, greets a new Ethiopian immigrant and his grandson near mobile homes where JNF prepared the land. JNF Canada has launched Operation Promised Land to develop land and infrastructures for new neighborhoods in Eilat. Designated as Eilat-Canada, some 4,000 new homes, synagogues, playgrounds and other communal facilities will be built to absorb new olim from Ethiopia and the U.S.S.R.

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May not gather evidence abroad

War crimes case hits snag

By
BEN ROSE

OTTAWA —
A Justice of the Ontario Supreme Court has turned down a request by the prosecution in a war crimes case to send a commission to Russia and Germany to gather evidence.

The ruling was given following a three-day hearing by Mr. Justice James Chadwick.

Michael Pawlawski, 74, is charged with four counts of murder involving the deaths in 1942 of approximately 400 Jews in Nazi-occupied areas near Minsk.

The Canadian Jewish Congress, which is monitoring the case, announced that it would press the Crown to appeal Justice Chadwick's decision.

Defence lawyer Donald Bayne had opposed gathering evidence outside Canada, claiming it would result in virtually the whole trial being held on videotape.

The decision denying permission to videotape Soviet witnesses has angered Canadian Jews.

"Given that the age and sickness of many war crimes witnesses restricts their travel, videotape evidence is essential," said Paul Marcus, national director of B'nai Brith's Institute for International Affairs and a lawyer. "The principle of using videotape evidence must be protected from judicial encroachment.

In addition to expressing concerns about videotape evidence, Mr. Justice Chadwick cited concerns in the Soviet investigation and the 49 year pre-charge delay in concluding that to permit the videotape evidence would prejudice Pawlawski's right to a fair trial.

According to Jonathan Richler, a member of B'nai Brith's war crimes committee and a lawyer, this decision can impact on other cases. "Our courts must not fall prey to a paranoic mistrust of Soviet evidence. Moreover, given the heinous nature of alleged Nazi war crimes, as well as our current legislation, it is clear that the passage of time should not be a factor in bringing alleged war criminals to justice.

"Let commissions gather videotape evidence, and then our courts can decide on the admissibility of this evidence."

Canadian Jewish Congress has urged the Crown to appeal Chadwick's decision.

"It has been the long-standing position of Canadian Jewish Congress that all evidence against alleged Nazi war criminals in Canada should be accessed," stated CJC war crimes committee chairman Milton Harris. "It should then be up to the court to apply Canadian rules of evidence and procedure to determine the admissibility and weight of that evidence."

CJC had submitted to the Deschenes Commission of Inquiry on War Criminals in Canada that key documents and eyewitnesses are for the most part found today where the crimes were alleged to have been committed. Soviet-supplied evidence of Nazi atrocities has been used successfully in previous war crimes trials, including the Rauca extradition from Canada.

Recent developments in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe have opened up a vast new source of potential evidence — which the director of the U.S. Justice Department's Office of Special Investigations has called a "major breakthrough" — and the Crown should be permitted every oportunity to gain access to this evidence to prosecute the case.

Christie fears changes to provinces' hate laws

By
MAURICE LUCOW

VICTORIA —
Lawyer Doug Christie believes that British Columbia and other provinces may be "secretly" plotting to strengthen federal anti-hate laws by restricting freedom of religion, says a story in the Times-Colonist newspaper

The story, written by Malcolm Curtis, says "senior officials" from provincial justice ministries were meeting June 25-26 in Aylmer, Que., to discuss proposed changes to the hate propaganda provisions of the Criminal Code.

And while the B.C. attorney-general's ministry has taken a position on the matter, Christie told the newspaper he has been unable to find out what it is.

Yet, Christie continued, the official chairing the Aylmer meeting works for Attorney General James Lockyer of New Brunswick and Lockyer, says Christie, has gone on record as being in favor of removing religious belief as a defence against promoting hatred against identifiable groups.

Christie, says the news story, believes the provinces will ultimately recommend changes to federal Justice Minister Kim Campbell.

If this defence is removed from the Criminal Code, it will make groups such as the Jehovah 's Witnesses, who criticize other groups, liable to prosecution, according to Christie.

B.C. Attorney General Russ Fraser said he has read a letter of query from Christie, but he wouldn't comment further. "I'm waiting to be advised by ministry officials," he is quoted as saying.

The story states that B.C. assistant deputy minister Bill Stewart advises that a draft report on the matter has been prepared by provincial officials but he would not give details until it is "finalized."

However, Stewart told The CJN that there would be no official stand taken at the meeting by British Columbia. Rather, he said, the meeting would be mainly in the form of discussions by legal officials of the provinces and that the representative from New Brunswick would have any information coming out of the meeting.

Meanwhile, B.C.'s Attorney-General Russ Fraser said he supports changes in the Criminal Code that would prevent hatemongers from masquerading as religious groups.

"To hide behind an organization and call it religious when actually your main purpose is promoting hate literature or hate propaganda is not acceptable in my view," Fraser said outside the legislature.

He refused to say whether the province is pushing for removal of religious belief as a defence against public incitement of hatred, as feared by Christie.

"I've told him, (Christie) I'll have to get a little more organized in my own mind on the subject," Fraser said. But he added that he feels changes are correct if they reduce the spreading of hate. "No one can be in favor of hate propaganda."

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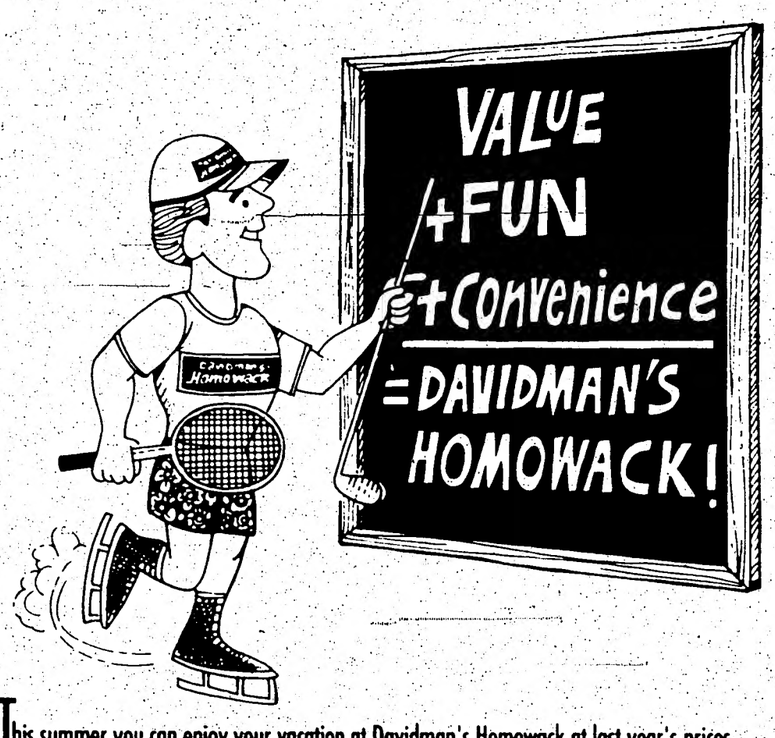

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„אין אָנהויב פון די פופציקער יאָרן האָב איך, צום ערשטן מאָל, באַגעגנט דעם מאָלער יאָסל בערגנער (דער זון פונעם דיכטער מלך ראַוויטש) און ער האָט זיך צו מיר געוואָנדן אין יידיש. זיינען מיר זיך געפאַלן אויף די העלדזער און דערשפּירט, אַזוי ווי מיר וואָלטן געפונען אונדזערע בשותפות׳דיקע וואַרצלען. יידיש דריקט פאַר מיר אויס דעם המשך פון דער קייט. איך בין אַ יידישער מענטש. כ׳האָב אַ יידישע נשמה. איך, וועלכער בין כמעט ווי געבירן געוואָרן מיט עברית, בין זיך מודה — נישט אָן בושה און נישט אָן גרויסער פאַרוואונדערונג — אַז העברייאיש לייגט זיך מיר נישט אַזוי לייכט אויף דער צונג. כאָטש זי איז דאָס לשון פון מיין שרייבן, פון מיין ריידן, מיין טראַכטן און מיין חלום. מיין פאָטער און מוטער זיינען נאָך געווען העברייאיש־לערער אין פוילן און זיי האָבן שטענדיק געשמועסט צווישן זיך אויף עברית (אהרן מגד איז געבוירן געוואָרן אין וולאָצלאַווק; אָבער געברענגט געוואָרן קיין ארץ־ישראל ווי אַ קינד). כ׳האָב קיינמאָל נישט געוועדט קיין יידיש; כ׳האָב עס קיינמאָל נישט געלערנט. דאָך דוכט זיך מיר, אַז איך „שפּיר" עס; כ׳בין צו איר נאָענט משפּחה׳דיק. מיר דוכט זיך, אַז אַ סך זאַכן — בפרט אויפן געביט פון געפיל — וואָלט מיר לייכטער געווען זיי אויסצודריקן אין יידיש. זי איז ווייכער, וואַרעמער, מער אינטים, מער פּשוט, מער וועלטלעך און מער עלאַסטיש. ס׳איז לייכט צו צאַרנען אויף עברית; אָבער זיין אין כעס איז לייכטער אויף יידיש. ס׳איז לייכטער צו זאָגן נביאות אויף העברייאיש; אָבער ס׳איז לייכטער זיך מתוודה־צו־זיין אויף יידיש. ס׳איז זיכער, אַז אַ פאָלק געשטאַלטיקט זיין שפראַך, אָבער גלייכצייטיק איז אויך ריכטיק, אַז לשון געשטאַלטיקט אַ פאָלק, גיט אַ טראַכט. וואָס עס וואָלט פאַסירט צו די פירונגען, צו באַציאונגען צווישן מענטשן, צום לאַנד, צו ווערטן, צום כאַראַקטער פון אָט־דעם פאָלק — וועט דאָס פאָלק אין ישראל וואָלט געוועדט יידיש."

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בריוו פון אונדזערע לייענער

זינט „יידיש ווינקל" האָט אָנגעהויבן דערשיינען, זיינען אָנגעקומען צענדליקער בריוו פון לייענער. וואָס האָבן מיט פרייד באַגריסט די רעדאַקציע פון „קענעדיען דזשואיש ניוס" פאַר דרוקן אַ יידישן קאָלום. איינמאָל אין צווי וואָכן. אַלע, אָן אויסנאַם, דריקן אויס דעם פאַרלאַנג, אַז דער קאָלום זאָל כאָטש דערשיינען יעדע וואָך. עטלעכע פון די בריוו זיינען שוין געדרוקט געוואָרן אין דער ענגלישער אָפּטיילונג אין דער רובריק „בריוו צום רעדאַקטאָר". מיר באַדויערן, וואָס מאַנגל אין פּלאַץ דערלויבט נישט צו דרוקן אַלע בריוו.

מיר גיבן דאָ קורצע אויסצוגן פון צווי בריוו, וואָס מיר האָבן דערהאַלטן:

מאָטל סיוואַק פון מאָנטרעאָל שרייבט:

„מיין מיינונג איז, אַז חשיבות פון יידיש לשון פאָדערט מער יוי בלויז אַ צווייוועכנטלעכן יידיש וינקל אין דער יידיש־ענגלישער צייטשריפט „קענעדיען דזשואיש ניוס". דער ציל דאַרף זיין אַ וועכנטלעכע יידיש־עברית ביילאָגע, ווי אַ צוגאָב מאַגאַזין, מיט אַ חשיבות׳דיקן אינהאַלט. אַזאַ וועכנטלעכער יידיש־עברית מאַגאַזין קען צוגעבן אויך מער חשיבות צו דער יידיש־ענגלישער צייטשריפט, וויל אָן דעם איז די צייטונג ווי אַ סידור אויף ענגלישער איבערזעצונג, אָן דעם לשון־קודש אינהאַלט".

אסתר אויערבאַך פון טאָראָנטאָ שרייבט:

„אַ גרויסן יישר כח פאַר אָנהויבן דרוקן אַ קאָלום אין יידיש יעדע צווי וואָכן. איך בין זיכער, אַז עס זיינען דאָ באַגייסטערט דערפון. איך בין זיכער, אַז עס זיינען דאָ געוויס יידן אין קאַנאַדע, וועלכע באַנוצן זיך נאָר מיט דער יידישער שפּראַך — אי מינדלעך און אי שריפטלעך.

„איך האָף, אַז „יידיש ווינקל" וואָס דערשיינט איצט אַלע צווי וואָכן, וועט מיט דער צייט פאַרוואַנדלט ווערן אין אַ וועכנטלעכער אָפּטיילונג אין יידיש. איך בין איבערצייגט, אַז דאָס וואָלט געבראָנגט גינסטיקע רעזולטאַטן פאַר דער צייטונג".

מיר דאַנקען אַלע בריוו־שרייבער פאַר זייער אינטערעס און פאַר זיערע גוטע וואונטשן. — ש.ל.

B'nai Brith intervenes in case

Nazi-like toy removed from store

By
RANDY FISHER

OTTAWA —

A shopper's concerns and intervention by B'nai Brith Canada have prompted a major grocery chain to pull a Nazi-like toy warrior from its shelves.

After returning home and inspecting a small heman plastic figurine she bought for her child at a downtown Loblaws, a woman noticed the item sported a swastika on its belt and an eagle shield reminiscent of Nazi Germany.

She contacted B'nai Brith Canada's director of government relations, Ian Kagedan.

"I'm very pleased that this woman opened her mouth," Kagedan said. The eagle on the shield and swastika are "unmistakable symbols" on Nazi Germany uniforms, he said.

Made in China and marketed under the name "Toy Box Selections," the "not recommended for three years and under" item sold for $3.82 and was distributed by Mississauga-based Fireco Inc., a medium-sized houseware products distribution concern.

"The swastika is a symbol Canadians associate with the horrors, destruction, and human degradation of the Nazi period, (and it) might come to be seen by children using this product as a neutral or innocuous symbol — or even a positive symbol — to the extent that children identify with the warlike figures they play with," said Kagedan in a B'nai Brith League for Human Rights press release.

"The figure stands to convey to children a misleading if not harmful message. Beyond this, the swastika itself is offensive to Holocaust survivors and to all who fought the Nazis."

Kagedan fired off a letter asking Loblaws Supermarkets Ltd. of Toronto for removal of the offensive toy. A day later the warrior was taken off company shelves.

"I have nothing but praise for the way they handled it," said Kagedan.

Loblaws refused to comment. After a week of phone calls to the director of grocery procurement, Andre Gagne, Mary Anne Benoit, the administrative assistant to the senior manager of consumer affairs Shirley Hawkins, said Loblaws was afraid of any fallout from the press on the issue — positive or otherwise. "We feel we did the right thing."

But, she added, "We've been advised by the vice president of marketing (Perry Caicco)" not to say anything."

Benoit would not discuss the size of the assortment, how many toys were sold or how long they were on company shelves.

In a fax message, Fireco product manager Sue Mulvihill apologized to Kagedan, calling the incident an "unfortunate error."

"We at Fireco apologize for this unfortunate mistake. We were unaware that this item was shipped to us by our toymaker (in China) in the assortment," said the fax.

"I believe it was an honest mistake," said Kagedan. "Our concern was to get it off the shelves."

"Accidents will happen," Mulvihill said. "When we receive our orders we do random sampling. He was randomly missed," said Mulvihill in a telephone interview.

PM promises action

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"I've never experienced behavior like that from a minister," said Harris, adding that the day before, Campbell met with Sol Littman, the Simon Wiesenthal's representative in Canada, a meeting to which the media had also been alerted. "She obviously has her agenda and we have ours."

Cohen said it was a matter of course that the media were advised of the meeting. "We were never informed otherwise," he said.

Lippert expects that "it won't be long" before another meeting takes place. "Certainly this summer," he said. "We just have to wait awhile."

But that doesn't wash with CJC, whose officials came to Ottawa especially for the meeting.

Said Harris: "We came here to get reassurance from the minister that there would be movement on war crimes prosecutions. There haven't been any charges in the last 18 months. Her behavior was the opposite of reassurance."

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COMMENTARY

Jews must always abide by teachings of Torah

By
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When Jews took on the privileged burden of God's Law and agreed to be bound by the teachings of the Torah, they assumed the posture of defendant. Before God's perfect judgment Jews bare their deeds and aspire to righteousness, and because nothing can be hidden from the Divine Presence, they feel that ultimately, in heavenly or earthly terms, justice will be done.

In many synagogues the inscription above the ark reads: Know Before Whom You Stand. Although God has countless attributes and is imagined in every form of authority — Father, King, Master of the Universe, Lord of Hosts — the emphasis of Jewish civilization upon the law makes Him pre-eminently the Divine Judge. Thus in petitioning for mercy, seeking atonement for sins, and studying what is expected of them, Jews feel themselves perpetually on trial.

This posture of defendant is ennobling and civilizing. A perfect Court of Law promises the individual that moral behavior has ultimate value, whether or not it is properly assessed by his fellow human beings. And after many centuries of standing poised before the sacred bar, people may grow accustomed to feeling themselves on trial and try to live up to a perfect standard of behavior as a matter of course.

Although modern Jews began to lose faith in the God of the Covenant, many of them continued to hold themselves morally accountable as if they were still perpetually standing before God. In the modern stories of I. L. Peretz, souls still rise to heaven to have their good deeds and evil deeds weighed on the perfect scale, and in the fiction of Isaac Bashevis Singer righteous Jews try to withstand the temptations of clever demons.

Ruth R. Wisse

Jewish writers and their readership hoped that the essential morality of the religious tradition could be transferred into secular terms.

But the posture of defendant proved disastrous for the Jews when it was mistakenly transferred to the realm of politics. When some Jews began to stand before Marx and Lenin as though before Moses and Aaron they sacrificed the principle of individual moral accountability upon which the Torah is founded.

When Jews bared their conscience in the political arena as though they were standing before the holy court, they not only invited their extinction but betrayed the cause of justice in whose name they thought they were acting.

In the political realm, Jews stand not before God, but before other political groups, some of which are committed to their destruction. Political anti-Semitism, first directed against the "homeless" Jews of Europe and since 1948 against the state of Israel, unites many powerful forces against the Jews.

Anti-Semitism does not judge the Jews for what they are, but projects onto the Jews its aims for regional and world domination, then holds Jews responsible for its own murderous intention. Despite exceptionally creative attempts on the part of Jews to escape the policies of hatred, they cannot do so as long as other nations assist and tolerate their criminal assailants.

The political arena is by definition a place of vying interests where the requirements of the weak and the few are routinely sacrificed to the strong and the many. Significant to God, perhaps, the Jews have never mattered to countries that have to weigh the economic and political advantages of steel, oil, trade and alliances, against the security of a tiny, besieged people.

Most nations, particularly the democracies, have nothing against the Jews as such. But their governments rarely stand up for the Jews when competing interests are at stake. Even those magnificent democrats, Franklin Delano Roosevelt and Winston Spencer Chruchill, put the immediate war aims of their respective countries ahead of rescuing the Jews during the Second World War.

They were simply responding to national priorities. The anti-Fascist hero Charles de Gaulle and Francois Mitterrand, the hero of the Left, sacrificed Israel repeatedly to the Arab boycott; they put the economic interests of France ahead of any moral obligations to the Jews.

In the meantime, the ongoing political assault against the Jews is permitted to continue and to intensify. The designation of Israel as regional prey in the Middle East makes a mockery of a civilized world order, and the campaign of hatred against the Jewish people has destroyed the moral credibility of the United Nations. Yet nations either turn a blind eye to the outrage, or blame the victim to justify their inaction.

If Jews truly wished to promote the cause of justice in the world, they would first have to prosecute their enemies. In the international court Jews are not the defendants but the plaintiffs.

No matter how decently Jews behave as a people, the political atmosphere can never improve until the aggression against them is arrested. The reluctance of Jews to hold others responsible for their evil deeds can only feed the appetite of thugs.

The passion for justice is very different from the tie of guilt. It is all very well for Jews to hold themselves accountable to the highest standards of private and public behavior, but if they truly believed in God's justice, or in its human counterpart, they would learn to demand it of others as well as of themselves.

OPINION

Canadians must speak with one voice on unity issue

By
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Quebec, as part of Canada, has lived in peace and comparative harmony with the other provinces for over 230 years. In the current debate on separation a good starting point in any assessment of what is involved if Quebec separates is to consider what pluses, what positive benefits a citizen of present day Canada receives being a citizen of the country.

I would say that among the many positive accomplishments of Canada (and there are many more where they came from), the following stand out and are ones Canadians can be justly proud of:

• Canada is one of the best countries in the world to live in. The only ones that compare favorably with Canada are the United States, the European Common Market countries, Australia, New Zealand and Japan.

• We have a country which is as free as any country in the world and our political system (making due allowance for the present government) is as good as any in the world.

• We have one of the best systems of justice, law and order of any country in the world.

• Our people are one of the healthiest in the world. Our medical insurance scheme is as good as anything in the world. *The New York Times*, in a recent feature article says, "a citizen of Canada is a beneficiary of one of the world's most comprehensive health insurance programs and Canadians are convinced the system is without rival."

• We have one of the best educational systems in the world.

• We have an economy and people living at a standard of living which is one of the best in the world.

• We are a friendly country with no expansionist ambitions, dedicated to the promotion of peace and a respect for human rights and welfare everywhere at home and abroad.

If what I have said is true, then why all the fuss about separating? What are we looking for?

The truth of the matter is; the bottom line is — we are looking for trouble. The following are only some of the many problems that will have to be faced if Canada separates:

• If you look at a map of Canada, you will see what will happen if Quebec separates. Canada will be split in two. British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Ontario will be on one side, then Quebec and New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland will be on the other side. The eastern provinces will be cut off and isolated from the rest of Canada. How long do you think that state of affairs will last before it erupts into serious trouble?

• The St. Lawrence River is a vital waterway essential to the life of Canadian people and economy of Canada. At the present time, it is owned and controlled by Canada. If Quebec separates, do you think Quebec will be prepared to leave this vital waterway in Canadian hands?

• At present, Canadian airlines outside Quebec fly over Quebec to go to and from Europe, Africa, the Middle East, etc. If Quebec separates, what security would there be for the rest of Canada that it could continue these flights in the future?

• Canada has a very large deficit, a good part of which was incurred for the benefit of Quebec. What part of this deficit will, as a matter of justice and fairness, Quebec assume and how are we going to be protected that they will pay their portion of the deficit?

• Canada, as a country, owns a vast amount of assets in Quebec. Among them, the recently built several hundred million dollar Museum of Civilization in Hull. How are they going to value these assets and how are they going to decide what is to become of them and what is to be paid for them and who gets what and when?

• What are we going to do about citizenship? Is Quebec to have its own separate state, its own passport, its own citizenship, its own immigration and criminal laws? If so, then you must visualize a Quebec with its own fixed borders, insulated like the U.S. border where travel in and out of Quebec will be strictly regulated and controlled.

What does all this mean to you and to me? I suggest that it means we cannot afford to remain silent or disinterested on this subject any longer. We have to speak up on it and rouse public opinion in Canada to speak up with one voice that we do not want Canada to be split up.

There is nothing that separates east and west, Quebec and Ontario, that cannot be settled by reasonable people sitting down to find fair and lasting solutions for some of the delicate issues of federal and provincial jurisdiction.

Surely after living together for 230 years, that is very little to ask.

Let us not delude ourselves that nationalism is the recipe to what ails Quebec. Remember that nationalism, history tells us, is a favorite road to war. Let us not fall prey to the illusion that distant fields are greener.

As Abraham Lincoln so wisely said, when faced with similar situation of secession in the United States: "A house divided against itself cannot stand."

(Irving Himel is a Toronto lawyer)

Shakespeare's works still relevant for Canadian Jews

HUMOR

By
ALLAN GOULD

A number of years ago, a major work of scholarship was published about the greatest non-Canadian/non-Jewish writer in history. Called *Shakespeare Our Contemporary*, the book looked at the remarkable canon of the Bard's works, and argued that what he had to say to the world in the late 16th century is no less relevant today than it was back then.

Allan Gould

But never before has anyone looked through Shakespeare's three dozen plays and dug up astonishing references to things which are relevant to Canadian Jews, world Jewry, and even the State of Israel, right through the present century.

And so, as the Stratford Festival is starting its 39th season, here is just a smattering of some of the great playwright's genius. If you don't believe me, look them up.

A Bris:
If it were done when 'tis done, then 'twere well
It were done quickly.
Macbeth, Act I, Sc. 6.

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Folding the Tab at the Kol Nidrei Appeal:
Let him look to his bond.
The Merchant of Venice, Act III, Sc. 1.

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Bubba in the Kitchen:
A little pot and soon hot.
The Taming of the Shrew, Act IV, Sc. 1.

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Putting your Grandchildren to sleep:
A thousand times good-night!
Romeo and Juliet, Act II, Sc. 2.

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Canadian Newspapers on Israeli Politics:
Here are a few of the unpleasant'st words
That ever blotted paper!
The Merchant of Venice, Act III, Sc. 2.

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Israel during the Scud Attacks:
For courage mounteth with occasion.
King John, Act II, Sc. 1.

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When the UJA calls:
I can get no remedy against this consumption of the purse:
borrowing only lingers it out, but the disease is incurable.
King Henry IV, Part II, Act I, Sc. 2.

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The UJA Campaigner Who Hit You:
He hath indeed better bettered expectation.
Much Ado about Nothing, Act I, Sc. 1.

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Many UJA Pledges:
Words pay no debts.
Troilus and Cressida, Act III, Sc. 2.

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The Six Day War:
O, wonderful, wonderful, and most wonderful wonderful!
and yet again wonderful, and after that out of all whooping.
As You Like It, Act II, Sc. 2.

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To many of the Jews at High Holiday Services:
But, for my own part, it was Greek to me.
Julius Caesar, Act I, Sc. 2.

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Your Son's Mohel:
I must be cruel, only to be kind.
Hamlet, Act III, Sc. 4.

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Israeli elections:
Oft expectation fails, and most oft there
Where most it promises.
All's Well that End's Well, Act II, Sc. 1.

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Israeli Customs:
Chaos is come again.
Othello, Act III, Sc. 3.

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Geula Cohen:
Her voice was ever soft,
Gentle, and low, an excellent thing in woman.
King Lear, Act V, Sc. 3.

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Canada Day

Canadians of all origins are observing the 124th anniversary of their country with a good deal of apprehension.

We are mired in a recession; the failure of the Meech Lake accord and years of neglect of native issues have resulted in a constitutional impasse; and the ongoing nationalist debate in Quebec and the growth of the Reform party elsewhere in the country raise grave doubts as to whether Canada, as we know it, can survive into the next century.

This sense of uncertainty is troubling to Canadian Jews as well. All of us live in this country today because we, our parents or our grandparents had a longing for physical safety, economic wellbeing and the freedom to express our Jewishness openly. The potential fragmentation of Canada threatens these aspirations:

- A political breakup of the country — even if some form of economic union is retained — could damage Canada's already fragile economy.
- The creation of two separate national entities — one francophone and one anglophone — could bring an end to multiculturalism as we know it by putting enormous pressure on minorities in **both** entities to adopt not only the language of the majority but its cultural norms.

Although many of us have strong family, cultural and professional and economic ties to the United States, as Canadian Jews we have developed a different identity. Closer to our religious and cultural roots in the Old World, we, like our fellow Canadians, are more diverse than our American relatives. We speak, learn, pray and work, within our community and outside, in the two languages of Canada as well as in the language of our spiritual homeland.

Our experience as a multilingual, multicultural people who have maintained our essential unity makes us particularly appreciative of Canada's achievements, over the past 124 years, in building one of the most open societies in the world. Whatever the outcome of the great constitutional debate we are engaged in, it would be a tragedy for all Canadians if the forces of regionalism and nationalism were to split us into two camps, intolerant not only of each other's culture and language, but of all those whose Canadian identity is a matter of proud choice.

Manitoba's pioneers

The Jewish community of Winnipeg honored its own founders last month when a commemorative plaque was dedicated in the city's YMHA Jewish Community Centre.

The plaque, unveiled at a ceremony attended by members of the Manitoba Legislative Assembly and representatives of Premier Gary Filmon, recalls the events of 109 years ago when the first large scale Jewish settlement began in Manitoba.

According to The Jewish Post & News (June 5) a number of the descendants of these first settlers appeared at the dedication ceremony — which was sponsored by The Jewish Historical Society of Western Canada, the YMHA, the Manitoba minister of culture, heritage and recreation and the Manitoba Heritage Council.

The plaque in question, in English, Yiddish and French is designed to record for old and new members of the Jewish community in Winnipeg the way in which the first settlers (who arrived from Duluth, Minnesota) arrived and how their arrival coincided with the very beginnings of the province of Manitoba itself.

Winnipeg welcomed Jewish refugees who were fleeing pogroms which erupted in 1881 after the assassination of Czar Alexander II. The odyssey from Russia to Winnipeg was long and arduous and required a boat trip to Quebec City, a train ride from there to Toronto and then from Toronto to Sarnia, Ont. The final leg of the journey included a boat trip across lakes Huron and Superior to Duluth where trains brought settlers to Winnipeg.

Those early settlers were employed primarily in the building trades, digging ditches, excavating basements and loading gravel in the pits of the Manitoba and South-West Colonization Railway. The Russian Jews who came to Winnipeg and helped build the Portage, Westbourne and Northwest Railway and were active in splitting rails and laying track for the CPR.

The 350 hardy pioneers who arrived in Winnipeg in 1882 are the first fathers and mothers of a vigorous Jewish community of more than 15,000 today.

In the recent past, it is true, the Jewish population of Winnipeg has levelled off, but as one speaker noted at the unveiling ceremony, more than 500 newcomers have been added to the city's Jewish community in the past year.

Winnipeg's Jewish community is 109 years old. Jews all over Canada recognize the important role they have played in the development of the province of Manitoba. May the community go from strength to strength.

TO THE EDITOR:

Letters are welcome if they are brief, in English or French, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit and condense letters, which must bear the sender's address, phone number and both handwritten and typed signatures.

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NOT PROUD OF CANADA

While I know I run the risk of being called unpatriotic and showing a reprehensible lack of gratitude towards "my home and native land" (not to mention, being branded an "alarmist"), I must nevertheless take tremendous exception to the singing of *O Canada* at the Yom HaShoah commemoration at Beth Emeth Synagogue.

That's because it is impossible to put all the blame for the deaths of six million Jews on the Nazis. They had accomplices in governments and populations throughout the world — in Britain, France, the United States, the Arab nations. And Canada's record during the Holocaust was among the most appalling.

The aim of the Canadian government was perfectly clear: absolute indifference and tacit approval in the face of the annihilation of the European Jewish community by the Nazis.

But Canada's atrocious record towards Jews and the Holocaust doesn't end there.

For decades, Canada refused to bring suspected war criminals to trial claiming the statute of limitations. And over the last few years, there has been growing pressure to pay reparations to Italian, Japanese and German nationals who were "unjustly" interned during the war. What about the debt owed to Jewish Canadians whose friends and families were refused entry into Canada, only to perish in concentration camps in Auschwitz, Buchenwald, Treblinka? Again, Canada is shamefully silent.

Eli Bernstein
Toronto

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A REVEALING EXPERIENCE

At the best of times, the cultural inclination of my family leans somewhere between the movements of the secular and the reform.

As a member of the youngest generation of my family, I have never found our modern repudiation of tradition to be an uncomfortable phenomenon. Rather, it had always seemed a predictable by-product of liberal education.

Several months ago, almost capriciously, I had agreed to join the Leadership Training Seminar in Isreal organized by Network Canada in coordination with the student department of the World Zionist Organization.

My passport was stamped at Ben-Gurion on May 13, the same day I was introduced to Jerusalem, the same day I fell in love with Israel. Immediately, I found myself thrust amidst soldiers, chassidim, and thousands of years of history. I had never before been comfortable with any of the three, yet in a moment the narrowminded shroud was lifted from my ignorance and I welcomed them all, flooded with questions.

Not a day passed during which my enlightenment did not advance. I was treated to fascinating lectures on a variety of topics from the world media to religious pluralism to Zionism. The wealth of information I received from such offices as the Foreign Ministry and the IDF, juxtaposed against the more individual perspective of correspondents and educators provided me with a broad base from which to develop my opinions. Between speakers, significant visits to Yad Vashem and to other stirring memories strengthened my respect for the people and the state.

From Mount Hermon to the Dead Sea, Israel proved itself a beautiful country deserving of the admiration of the world. Today, I am preparing for my role on campus next year with the expanding JSU; tomorrow I will plan my upcoming year of study at Hebrew University.

To the Canadian Network of Jewish Students and the WZO: thank you for the opportunity to experience my homeland and face my identity as a Jew. I call upon the Canadian Jewish community to continue their support for Network Canada, so that more young people like myself can reach out and comprehend their roots.

Philip Kurtz
Toronto

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Cantor Eliezer Kirshblum

WOMEN CANTORS

The article about the decision of Cantor Kirshblum and other Toronto cantors to resign from the Cantors' Assembly (CJN, June 6) to protest the decision to accept women cantors, raises more questions than it answers. He is quoted as saying that women cantors were "halachically unacceptable". One might think that what is halachically acceptable is both clear and universal.

At Cantor Klein's Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, women play no part in the ritual, do not participate in the choir and sit in a separate area from the men. Yet at Adath Israel, Cantor Kirshblum includes women in his choir *On The Bimah*, and they perform as soloists in singing parts of the Kiddushah repetition, while men and women sit and pray together. To use Cantor Kirshblum's expression, which one of these two cantors, who are now allies in the breakaway cantors group, is "kosher" and which one is "traif?"

For my part, I am prepared to accept the kashrut of the learned rabbis of the Jewish Theological Seminary who have decided that it is halachically proper for women to become rabbis and cantors.

Saul D. Paton
Toronto

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CLEARING THE PICTURE

Re: The article Quebec Split Viewed as Non-Event by Sephardim, by Janice Arnold (June 13).

In this article, Ms. Arnold gives an account of a panel discussion held on June 4, The Integration of French-speaking Sephardim within an English-speaking Ashkenazi community: 25 years later, did it work?

Ms. Arnold is quoting me but in a manner which distorts substantially the essence of my presentation.

I did identify serious problems of integration of the French-speaking Jews among the English-speaking Jewish community, but I analyzed them within an historical perspective. I underlined that the fundamental tension between the two groups stemmed more from their linguistic difference than from being Ashkenazi or Sephardi; I underlined further that this linguistic tension was mostly the result of the linguistic social and political antagonism inherent in Quebec between the anglophones and francophones, since the military conquest of French Canada by the English forces.

I also added that the process of integration of the Sephardi Jews within the Ashkenazi community was painful, sometimes ugly; that one of the key tests of integration was a real sharing of power within the structures of the community. At this stage, this sharing and transfer of power had not significantly taken place in most of the community structures, and most evidently at AJCS, the co-ordinating and governing body of our community.

However, despite its slowness, the integration is making progress because of powerful political trends in the Quebec society; I stressed that both Ashkenazi and Sephardi carried their load of prejudices toward each other.

Ms. Arnold's presentation misses most of the points I have just listed and therefore does not represent what I said at this panel.

Leon Ouaknine
Executive Director,
Jewish Family Services
Montreal, Que.

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THE SECRET MASHIACH

It seems that I cannot pass by a parked car, attend a women's study day, or read my Jewish newspaper without being assaulted by the cry of "We Want Mashiach Now!" Even my kids pick up the song in the streets.

Tell me — just what is the Rebbe expecting? Some black-coated figure flying down on his magic tallis, who, with just one flick of his double pair of tefillin, will instantly cure all the evils of the world? I haven't noticed G-d operating like that elsewhere in history, even Biblically.

Perhaps if we spent less time on our own propaganda and more on listening carefully both to ourselves and to our neighbors, both Jewish and non-Jewish, we might discover G-d's best kept secret: that the Mashiach is already here, hiding inside each of us and all of us.

Mary Ruth Gehr
Montreal

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PRAISES FURNITURE BANK

We would like to draw your attention to the work of a group of volunteers of the Furniture Bank. It was established one or two years ago to help newcomers (mostly Soviet Jews) get settled in Toronto. The bank collects furniture, dishes, appliances donated by different people. All these things are stored in a warehouse (which was also donated by one of the members of the Jewish community, and distributed among new immigrants. (See story in CJN, June 20)

Our family happened to be one of those who received help from the Furniture Bank. We got to know Shirley Hanick, a volunteer manager of the bank, and were impressed by her attitude, enthusiasm and amount of time and effort she devotes to this work.

We wish to thank Shirley and all other people involved in the work of the Furniture Bank.

Natasha and Igor Tsukerman
Toronto

Name Game

There is a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. CATZMAN has been researching their origins over the past few years. Mr. Catzman reports on his research in The CJN.

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BACHER

Here is a surname that has been attributed to various sources.

There is a town by that name in Australia. More likely, however, it is a compressed version of Bacharach, a city in Germany. The name may be familiar to the ladies who bought Bacharach patterns to sew dresses in years gone by.

It is also the Jewish word for the Kiddush cup (from the German Becher which is related to the English beaker). L'chaim!

Opinion

And so; Where does the world go from here

By
J. B. SALSBERG

My beloved readers, last week's column promised to continue our annual, mid-summer immersion in the soothing waters of Pirkei Avot, (Peirik) in this issue of our paper. But a number of new global-wide issues emerged and they occupy centre stage in the present turbulent world drama. They demand answers to the challenging question: where does the world go from here?

So, don't worry, we shall return to Pirkei Avot next week.

As for the caption of this column, I want to confess that I borrowed it from the late, great team of Yiddish dialogue artists, Dzhigan and Schumacher, of Poland.

Immediately after the Second World War, those famous, pre-war artists trickled back to Poland, as did a few thousand other Polish-Jewish survivors, to find only the ashes of the once great, creative Polish Jewish community.

Nevertheless, they managed to present an unforgettable performance, titled: "Nu, un voos veiter?" or, as I would translate it: "So, where do we go from here?" (Dzhigan and Schumacher later followed the surviving remnant of their once vast audience to Israel, where they continued to stage their unique performances.)

What, you may ask, has all that to do with the present bewildering world situation? It has.

Communism, which dominated vast areas of Eastern Europe (with the former Russian Empire as its main anchor), influencing countless millions in the colonial world, is now a spent force and is actually pleading for food, financial loans and machinery from the United States as well as from the Western European nations.

J.B. Salsberg

The Communist dream, (and it was, in the main, a noble, an idealistic dream for millions), has received a rude awakening.

The entire system, based on dictatorship, has collapsed, the old, rotten czarist empire that Lenin hoped to tie together, is unravelling. The present Soviet leaders have even changed the name of their state from "Union of Soviet Socialist Republics," (U.S.S.R.), to "Union of Soviet Sovereign Republics." The word Soviet merely means "council." The word "Socialist" disappeared. . . .

Russia is now the dominating force and Leningrad is about to be renamed St. Petersburg.

A "free market" economy is in the making.

The Ukrainians and members of other large historic national communities will, in my opinion, seek and, most likely, achieve varying forms of independence. History truly unravels in the vast Euro-Asian heartland that once was czarist Russia.

Will China, with its vast, one billion intelligent and productive people, tolerate for long the present unbending Communist Party dictatorship? It is most unlikely.

In short, the so-called "communist world" is in a severe crisis. What will replace it?

One thing I am certain about; the people of the world will not benefit if the retreat from the theory and practise of Communism will lead to an uncritical embracing of the laws and practices of classical, capitalist, "free enterprise" society.

We experienced such a "free" capitalist system before. While the pursuit of profit created many valuable benefits to mankind, it also brought about devastating wars, like the first and second world wars, and global economic recessions (crises) that plague mankind, like those of the "dirty thirties," that gave birth to fascism and Naziism.

So, where do we go from here?

As members of the societies we live in we, Jews, would be wise and socially just to lend our support to those political forces in each country that strive for the social and economic betterment of the lives of the majority in their country.

What is good for the majority among whom we live is good for Jews also and what is bad for our neighbors is, in the short and the long run, also bad for us.

The understandable escape from communism should not result in an indiscriminate embracing of ideologies and practises that are neither just nor free.

Yes, in many ways the world is now at new crossways. In my opinion Jews should choose the road (or roads) that lead to social and economic justice for all, regardless of race, color or religion.

To me such a choice of roads would express the essence of Judaism, of Jewish law and ethics.

So — Where is the world to go, now, in the post-Communist era? From a Jewish viewpoint that road is clearly indicated.

And, since your humble scribe has had considerable experience on both sides of the world camps, I wouldn't want anyone to complain at a later date, that I didn't offer you good advice. . . .

Meet you next week in Peirik land.

Visit to my German roots completes life's circle

By
RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

"Remembering is the secret of reconciliation" were the words with which the mayor of Muenster, Joergen Twenhoeven, addressed the 72 Jewish visitors and their 50 companions at the opening ceremony of a memorable get-together. This column is a brief report of a week-long gathering in my native city.

Since I was forced in the mid-'30s to quit my career and the country of my birth, I have been back to Germany many times: as a soldier with the American forces travelling the route of victory and destruction from the western borders to the Elbe River and a meeting with the Russians; and on government commissions studying various aspects of post-war Germany: its development from a defeated Nazi Reich to a democratic republic.

But this visit was different. The city of Muenster, a pleasant university town near the Dutch border, reminding one at once of Saskatoon, had invited all Jews who were born in the city to be guests, to revisit their youth and to see the new Germany had overcome the sinful heritage of its past.

For me it was closing a circle, coming back to my origins, living for a week with relatives whom I would see only from time to time and some whom I never met — along with men and women from North and South America, Israel, Europe and South Africa.

The invitation had come at the mayor's personal initiative. He is active in Christian-Jewish relations, represents the Conservative party while being a thorough-going liberal. He has visited Israel a number of times and it was he above all who gave the get-together a special flavor of openness. Nothing was swept under the table. People talked of what happened to them and their families, of the extremes of hatred and generosity, of cowardice and courage.

Rabbi Plaut

There had been Nazis in the city and many of them, as in all the other German cities, but Muenster was one of the few places in the Nazi Reich that was distinguished by a courageous church leader, Bishop von Galen. Unlike many of his colleagues, he had publicly stood up for the Jews, defended them, and protected them as much as he could — at the risk of his own life. Though the Nazis harassed him day after day, they never touched him. After the war, he was appointed a cardinal, and I made it my personal duty to visit his grave and say kaddish for a righteous man.

Our group went into schools to speak with students about their experiences. We visited the old Jewish teachers' seminary where my father had been rector at the time of my birth and where I was born — and everyone stood around remembering who had taught them, and how the foundations of their Jewishness had been laid in this building. We visited the old cemetery, searching the register and the rows of monuments, each one looking for a familiar name and members of a dispersed family.

On Erev Shabbat, the small community of 170 souls had prepared a splendid dinner for us, and in the morning I had the privilege of preaching, though it was no longer in the synagogue I had known in my childhood, for the old building was burnt by the Nazis during Crystal Night in 1938. How often I went there with Grandpa. He, decked out in the customary top hat by which all Jews publicly showed on Shabbat what their religion was, and I at his hand, trundled along to a place I came to love and remember well.

On the last day of my visit I spoke at the university to a meeting sponsored by various institutions, especially the highly active Israel-German Alliance and the Society for the Christian-Jewish Cooperation, the city, the university, and the Institute of Jewish Studies, named after Franz Delitzsch. I spoke of my worries about the resuscitation of right-radical tenderness, of the obscene video cassettes that have swamped the market both there and here — cassettes which have at their centre "concentration camp games."

But I also spoke of hopes and stressed the need for Germany to continue its support of Israel. This policy, supported by Germany's leadership from Adenauer and Heuss to Kohl and von Weizsaecker, have made this relationship a moral cornerstone of national life. For me, I said, this is more than politics, it is the recognition that the past can be conquered by the moral alliance between Germany and Israel.

The arrival of many Russian Jews is big news and they are fanning out to every city throughout the country. Some voices are heard that describe this influx as "undesirable." But a leading clergyman put it this way: "We churches especially must be unequivocal in our response. Jews are welcome amongst us and we stand for the right of Jews to live here as anywhere. The errors and the guilt of the past cannot be rectified thereby, but at least we will not take upon ourselves a new guilt by turning back Jews who want to live amongst us."

Still, the number of Jews who live in Germany today has remained small — some 30,000 — and is not likely to increase. To visit there is one thing, to live there another. Though the great majority of the Germans were not alive during Nazi days and the number of actual and likely Nazis in the country is diminishing every day, another generation will have to pass before Jews will feel once again comfortable in a land which they had once helped to bring to the pinnacle of cultural and economic achievements.

It will be a long time before "Jews in Germany" will once again become "German Jews."

Sabbath should be a day of rest for all religions

By
ELAINE KAHN

There are three things you need to know about me: I observe Shabbat, I dislike shopping any day of the week and I think mandating a "common" pause day is not only wrong but, in its very language, bigoted.

Shabbat, a weekly holiday more important than any day but Yom Kippur, is a lot more complicated than people realize, especially because it's tied into sunset. The switch to daylight savings every year marks the end of Saturday night social activities for me and my family and pandemonium is the hallmark of our Friday afternoons during standard time (especially in December, when sunset comes shortly after 4 p.m.).

We don't cook on Shabbat or drive. We don't use money, so we can neither shop nor give donations to people who come to the door — and, even in trendily multicultural Canada, it's uncomfortable asking some little Girl Guide to come back Monday (out of respect for what is, most likely, her Sunday Sabbath).

We don't use the phone, unless it's an emergency and, a là God, all forms of creativity are out, so, even if I got the idea for the Great Canadian Novel one Saturday afternoon, I wouldn't jot it down.

It's a day completely set apart from the rest, all four of us together, and I really don't know how I'd manage without it.

But I believe one's Sabbath is private, both in the choice of day and in its conten:.

Traditionally, Shabbat is a time for rabbis to have guests, to teach them and share the value of the day. We are perhaps a selfish "rabbinic" family that way — aside from a few people who know they're always welcome, because they understand our particular Shabbat rhythm, we extend few invitations. My husband, after all, like ministers and priests on Sundays, works on Shabbat — what we can salvage from the rest of our pause day, we keep to ourselves.

Elaine Kahn

And he works Sunday. In fact, in one of the few ways he resembles my father, a dairy cattle farmer, he works every day.

My husband frequently is asked for help from people who want to take Jewish holidays off work or want to observe the Sabbath regularly, but face employers who are hostile or simply won't let them. Jewish children not in dayschool still face, as I did 25 years ago and more, sarcastic taunts from their schoolmates when they take Jewish holidays off.

Sure, you can appeal to your local human rights commission or whatever, but there's a price. A hostile employer cannot be forced to respect Shabbat — retribution will just come out in other ways. You may not be able to prove you were harassed, denied a promotion or laid off because of discrimination, but you'll know. And you'll know that governmental safeguards aren't worth the paper they're printed on.

Even if you're a Christian expecting protection from the new retail business Sunday closing law proposed in Ontario. It completely ignores the psychological realities of many employer-employee relationships, the sheer amount of guts it takes to complain about the person who's paying you. Especially in this economy.

No one has been able to explain to me why retail workers are a sacrosanct category of human beings — least of all members of a government so strongly supported by workers in factories, many of which do not close on Sunday. Nor do I understand why being able to shop is any more destructive of family life (pretending for a wild moment that "typical" families are still normative) than Daddy golfing Sunday while Mummy visits Grandma in the nursing home, Junior hoofs it to the movies with the guys and Juniorette plays Barbies next door.

I just know I detest having to take my daughters shopping after a long day at school, because the government says Sunday is out and God won't let me shop Saturday.

(Reminds me of the 1960s Woody Allen routine about adultery being the only grounds for divorce in New York: God says it's wrong, but New York State says you have to.)

There's no room for such conflict in a country that prides itself on diversity and mouths devotion to the separation of church and state. There are limits on diversity — I wouldn't argue, for example, that people with longstanding ethnic history of settling tribal feuds by killing members of a rival tribe should be allowed to exercise that freedom here in Canada. But work is a Canadian ethic.

The Jewish precept of "*dina d'malchuta dina*" means you follow the law of the land you live in, so I grit my teeth and bear it. But there's nothing wrong in using the laws of the land to change laws, so I hope court challenges to Sunday closing will be plentiful and successful.

If I were even more strict about Shabbat, I would have to follow another tenet of Judaism: you can't benefit from the Sabbath labor of others. For example, it's wrong to buy bread from a bakery that opens Saturdays, because it might have been baked then.

It's a Sabbath principle our political leaders should take to heart. But they need our help.

So, if Premier Bob shows up at a Sunday Jays game, keep him out — heaven forbid that he enjoy such strenuous pause day efforts for mere entertainment.

Should he be out for a Sunday drive with the wife and kids and run out of gas, please do not exert yourself to refill his tank — he'll understand.

In the unlikely event he walks into your restaurant for Sunday brunch, a) pretend to be closed, properly pausing, or b) refuse to serve him any of the fresh veggies bought at market that morning.

Finally, those of you in the media, forget announcing, on Sunday TV or radio, anything he or his cohorts say over the weekend and cancel their subscriptions to those largely-Sunday-written Monday papers.

I don't understand, but they apparently do.

Features

Trade increases in past three years

Singapore-Israel ties thriving

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

Singapore, Southeast Asia's booming city state, maintains a thriving but deliberately unobtrusive relationship with Israel.

A major communications hub and a banking centre, with the world's busiest port, Singapore is a prosperous statelet whose standard of living is the envy of the entire region.

In deference to its economic status, Israel maintains one of its largest Asian embassies in Singapore, a former British colony which attained independence in the mid-1960s.

"Israel's future depends on trade, and Southeast Asia is an area of enormous potential for us," says Benad Avital, the Israeli ambassador to Singapore.

Last year, Israel's trading volume with the nations of Southeast Asia was about $2.6 billion (U.S.). "By 1994, this figure could easily double," forecasts Avital.

"Our trade with Singapore in the past three years has gone up by 100 per cent," he adds, "and there is every reason to believe that this will be the pattern in the foreseeable future."

Two-way trade in 1990 exceeded $160 million, with Israeli and Singaporese exports being $107 million and $57 million, respectively. But, as Avital points out, the Israeli figure is deceptive because it includes only civilian exports and excludes goods channelled through Singapore to other destinations in the vicinity.

Israel's chief exports are high technology products, machinery, polished diamonds and chemicals. Among other things, Israel buys rubber, hides, leather and optical equipment from Singapore.

Singapore, he says, does not abide by the Arab economic boycott of Israel.

Scientific and technological co-operation between Israel and Singapore is quite extensive in the fields of research and development. Many Israeli companies have offices in Singapore.

In 1969, Israel reportedly sold Singapore used French-made AMX-13 tanks and Israeli-manufactured Gabriel sea-to-sea missiles. Whether Israel still sells weaponry to Singapore is an unanswered question. Avital cannot discuss the topic, but allows that "the government of Israel doesn't admit to arms sales." Avital, however, acknowledges that a military attache works in the embassy. An Israeli military mission was stationed in Singapore from 1969 to 1974.

Israel signed a trade agreement with Singapore — a polyglot country of Chinese, Malays, East Indians, Eurasians, Arabs and Jews — in 1968. A year later, Israel established formal diplomatic relations with Singapore.

Singapore, though, does not have an embassy in Israel, and even though the two nations signed an aviation pact 21 years ago, Singapore Airlines does not fly to Ben-Gurion Airport — a reflection of Singapore's delicate geo-political position.

Lying at the tip of the Malay peninsula, tiny Singapore must contend with the sensitivities of two large Muslim neighbors — Malaysia and Indonesia, both of which are more or less antagonistic to Israel.

"We've had a close, very warm relationship with Singapore since its independence," says Avital, the British-born former envoy to Thailand. "With a clear conscience, I can say we have absolutely no political problems with Singapore. However, Singapore wants to keep our excellent relations on a low key level. Malaysia has let them know, from time to time, that it is not happy with excessively close ties with Israel."

Malaysia, Avital charges, has exhibited consistent hostility to Israel. In his view, it is more anti-Israel than Indonesia, the world's most populous Muslim state.

Malaysia, he says, has been in the forefront of introducing anti-Israel resolutions at ASEAN (Association of South East Asian Nations), whose member states include Singapore and the Philippines.

Singapore must also consider possible Arab reactions. Singapore has important trade connections with the Arab world, although Saudi Arabia and Egypt are the sole Arab countries with resident embassies.

At the United Nations, Singapore votes against Israel "quite often," says Avital. Yet Singapore has never questioned Israel's credentials.

Singapore believes that UN Resolution 242 should be applied in its entirety. It calls for a "just and lasting peace in the Middle East, as well as a "withdrawal of Israeli forces from territories" occupied by Israel in the Six Day War.

Singapore supports the right of Palestinians to self-determination, but does not recognize the PLO's self-proclaimed state. (Muslim states in ASEAN, as well as the Philippines, have extended recognition to the phantom Palestinian state.) Singapore recognizes the PLO, but has yet to permit it to open an office on its soil.

The Israeli embassy was the target of terrorist attacks in 1976 and again in 1985.

In the first instance, a package containing a bomb was defused without incident. In 1985, a bomb planted in a drain exploded, creating a small crater in the ground, blowing some tiles off a wall, breaking glass panel doors and bringing down roof tiles from a neighboring building. There were no injuries.

No one claimed responsibility for the blast, but last month, a Palestinian Arab, Fuad Hassin al-Shara, confessed to the crime during his trial in Jerusalem. Al-Shara, a member of Yasser Arafat's Fatah faction, was given a 25 year prison sentence after being found guilty of trying to blow up an El Al airliner in London in 1983.

Almost one year ago, the Israeli embassy moved away from its downtown location to new quarters in a blindingly white, low-slung modernesque building in a leafy suburb. It appears secure, but one never knows.

Avital, who presides over the embassy, joined the Israeli foreign ministry in the early 1960s after stints in film production (he produced and directed the acclaimed *Hill 24 Doesn't Answer)* and at the Israel Government Press Office. His overseas postings have included Los Angeles, Washington, London, Marseilles and the Ivory Coast. As director of African affairs, he played a role in the re-establishment of Israeli ties with Liberia, Ivory Coast, Cameroon and Togo.

Singapore is his last posting. He retires in the summer of 1992.

Israel has important ties with Singapore, whose skyline is a mix of the new and old.

The Jewish World

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

For the past year, Jews in Britain have endured a spate of open anti-Semitism — cemetery desecrations, anti-Jewish posters and leaflets, letter bombs and arson.

The incidents haven't caused loss of life or injuries. And the Chief Rabbi, Immanuel Jakobovits, has said, "I do not think anti-Semitism is in danger of upsetting the stability of Jewish life in this country."

Nevertheless, there is cause for concern, although there has been a letup in attacks of late.

Jewish cemeteries have been vandalized in London, Manchester, Leeds, Edmonton and Portsmouth.

The most glaring examples:

•In Willesden, in northwest London, 25 headstones were daubed with crude black swastikas while others were knocked down. Willesden is the final resting place of members of the Rothschild clan, three Chief Rabbis and the Countess of Roseberry, the wife of the Earl of Roseberry, the British prime minister in the 1890s.

•In Manchester, in two separate incidents, a total of 112 graves were spray-painted with swastikas.

•In Portsmouth, 15 headstones, some marking the graves of Jewish soldiers killed in the First and Second World Wars, were daubed with swastikas, SS insignias and obscene words.

During the Gulf War, crude leaflets and posters charging Jews with encouraging and controlling the war appeared all over Britain. The Jewish Chronicle of London says that the British National party, headed by veteran neo-Nazi Colin Jordan, joined the campaign defaming Jews.

After the first Iraqi Scud missile hit Israel, the Holocaust memorial in London's Hyde Park was defaced with red paint.

Then a mysterious fire gutted parts of the Hasmonean Boys' School in Hendon, a London suburb. Arsonists also struck the Central Synagogue in Birmingham, and car owned by a local kosher caterer was doused with gasoline and set on fire in the synagogue's parking lot.

Anti-Semitism rocks Britain's Jews

Nearly three weeks after the Gulf War, explosive devices resembling letter bombs were sent to three addresses in London — a Jewish gift shop in Golders Green (a predominantly Jewish neighborhood), the West End branch of Hillel House and Jewish Care, a communal welfare organization.

None of the devices exploded, but the Board of Deputies, the British equivalent of Canadian Jewish Congress, urged people to be suspicious of bulky plain manila envelopes with an excess of postage and poorly printed and misspelled addresses.

The Board of Deputies has come under fire, even from within, for its purportedly timid handling of the anti-Semitic outrages.

Sidney Frosh, a member of its executive committee, called on the Board to organize protest demonstrations; the Friends of the Union of Jewish Students issued a similar call; the president of the Federation of Synagogues, Arnold Cohen, said he favored a loosening of ties with the Board; Geoffrey Alderman, an authority on British Jewry and a sitting deputy, advocated Jewish nighborhood watch committees, and told the Times that the Board's policy was "bankrupt."

The Board's president, Lionel Kopelowitz, replied that it had to "strike a balance between complacency and alarmism." He rejected the idea of public demonstrations, arguing that they would serve no useful purpose. It was far easier, he said, to snipe at the Board from the outside than "to come inside and try to improve it."

So far, the police, who've been monitoring the situation, have yet to make any arrests. But the hatemongers are not immune from prosecution. Recently, the Dowager Lady Birdwood, an aristocratic distributor of anti-Semitic propaganda, appeared in a London courtroom, charged with contravening the 1986 Public Order Act. Lady Birdwood, 77, distributed tracts which claim that Jewish religious texts urge Jews to kill Christians. The attorney-general is confident of a conviction. British Jewry is watching the case closely.

Yugoslavian Jewry evades strife

By
CHARLES HOFFMAN

Yugoslavia's Jewish community has managed so far to evade much of the nationalist strife and separatist tensions that are tearing the already loose confederation of six republics apart.

"In the past, these kinds of problems started with the Jews," said Rabbi Cadik Danon of Belgrade. "The good thing today, though, is that no one is bothering us."

Danon, 73, a former diplomat who serves Yugoslav Jewry as its sole rabbi, said that one reason for this is that the Jewish community has been very careful not to take sides in the current strife. Danon was interviewed while attending the recent gathering of the Conference of European Rabbis held in Jerusalem.

"In the Federation of Jewish Communities in Yugoslavia," he said, "we all try to work out a common political approach and try not to hurt each other.

"Individual Jews who do not represent the community are politically active in the various republics, but as a community we try to stay out of the question of what direction the country should take," he said.

But he added that "no one knows what will happen" in the future, "and this makes us all worried."

There are 6,000 to 7,000 Jews in Yugoslavia today, compared with a pre-war population of 80,000. About half of the 15,000 that survived the Holocaust went to Israel.

The three largest Jewish communities are in Belgrade, the national capital, which is in Serbia; Zagreb, in Croatia; and Sarajevo, in Bosnia.

Serbia and Croatia have a long history of tensions that was aggravated by the Second World War. Serbia was occupied by the Nazis, while Croatia was ruled by a pro-Nazi puppet government, headed by local fascists, the Ustashi.

No pressure put to back separatists

The six republics of Yugoslavia are Serbia, Croatia, Slovenia, Bosna-Herzegovina, Montenegro and Macedonia.

Danon noted with gratification that "there have been no pressures on any Jewish community to support the independence movements in any of the republics. While I did make a statement in support of the Serbian minority in Kosovo, no one has asked me to support Serbia's political aims," he said.

"In Croatia, it worries us to see some of the old Ustashi forces emerging," Danon said. "But on the good side, the deputy foreign minister is a Jew, and the president of Croatia laid a wreath at a memorial for Holocaust victims.

"The Serbians have always had good relations with the Jews," he said, adding that the Serbians "have also developed good ties with Israel."

Danon graduated from a rabbinical seminary in Sarajevo in 1937. During the war, he served in the Yugoslav army and was taken prisoner by the Germans in 1942. He escaped from a prison camp and joined the underground resistance in Sarajevo. He was arrested and sent to a prison camp in Italy, but escaped to join the Italian partisans when the Allies invaded Italy in 1943.

He served briefly as a rabbi in Belgrade after the war, then moved to Israel for several years. He returned to Yugoslavia and joined the diplomatic corps, where he worked until his retirement in 1970. In 1972 he was asked by the country's Jewish community to serve as rabbi.

Danon, who was a member of the Communist party, said that when he "studied at the rabbinical seminary in the 1930s, when Hitler was coming to power, all of the youth identified with progressive political forces. Later on I belonged to the Shomer Hatzair. At that time this Zionist youth movement was militantly socialist."

Danon explained that during the war, the Communist party became Yugoslavia's national movement. "We were the first anti-Stalinists," he said proudly.

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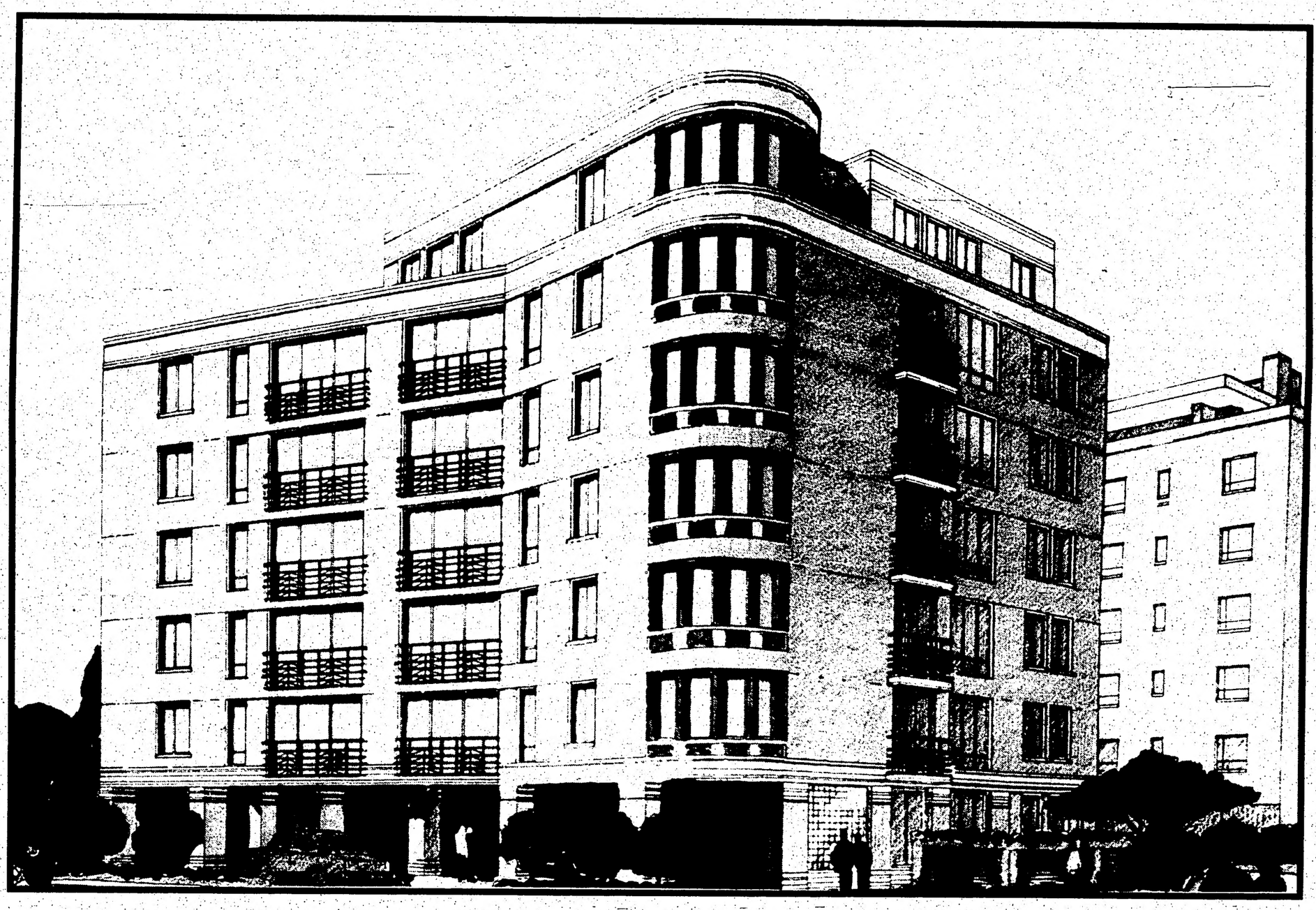

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TORONTO —

In the launch of an exciting new campaign, the Greek National Tourist Organization and the Israel Government Tourist Office will join forces to promote their two destinations.

According to Evan Pezas, director of GNTO Canada, and Yehuda Shen, director of IGTO Canada, the combination of the two sparkling "Pearls of the Mediterranean" will be a true taste of where it all began.

The campaign's birth process began at a meeting between Greek Minister of Tourism Yannis Kefaloyiannis and his Israeli counterpart, Gideon Patt in Jerusalem. The committee to oversee the agreement will be chaired by the secretary-general of the Greek National Tourist Organization and by the director-general of the Israel Ministry of Tourism.

Patt and Kefaloyiannis re-affirmed and re-activated the existing tourism agreement between their two countries and underscored new promotions directed toward third parties (such as Canada and the United States). For the first time, this agreement will be an active one and is already in motion.

Some of the activities planned as part of IGTO and GNTO's team strategy will be:

- special joint marketing seminars to the retail travel industry.
- joint fam trips for travel agents.
- joint press trips.
- joint booth participation in trade shows.
- joint consumer evenings.
- Holy Land / Greek Heritage presentations for the Greek Orthodox clergy.
- trade magazine supplements.

According to Pezas and Shen, both of their offices are looking for more wholesale tour operators to feature Israel and Greece in their catalogues and brochures. As an incentive, those operators who carry the two destinations will earn greater support from the two tourist boards.

Very soon, wholesalers from Toronto and Montreal will be invited to attend meetings to discuss the launch of this venture.

By combining their efforts, Pezas and Shen expect that these two historical, multi-market destinations ("history, sun, archeology, fun") will be a highlight both within the industry and for the consumer at large.

Incidentally, this partnership is not foreign to the two directors: Shen and Pezas were well acquainted in the '70s when they represented their respective tourist boards in Los Angeles, where together they enjoyed many a Lakers basketball game.

For more information contact the Israel Government Tourist Office at (416) 964-3784 or the Greek National Tourist Organization in Toronto at (416) 968-2220 or in Montreal at (514) 871-1535.

Pollard case to be monitored

NEW YORK (JTA) —

The major policymaking arm of U.S. Jewry decided last week not to call for new action in support of Jonathan Pollard, an American Jew convicted of spying for Israel.

According to Phil Baum, chairman of the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council's ad hoc committee on the Pollard case, the committee will continue to monitor the case and will remain "sensitive and fair" to new facts as they arise.

But, he added, "there has been no substantial change among any of the organizations" in their attitude on the Pollard case.

Last year, the NJCRAC committee supported a call for an inquiry into Pollard's sentencing and the length of the sentence, but declined to recommend that member agencies file friend-of-the court briefs on Pollard's behalf.

Pollard's supporters have long been trying to mobilize the American Jewish community to take a stand on what they say was the influence of anti-Semitism in Pollard's life sentence.

Pollard, a former civilian employee of U.S. Navy intelligence in Washington, was arrested in 1985 on charges of passing hundreds of classified documents to Israel.

He was sentenced to life imprisonment despite a plea bargain under which he agreed to plead guilty in exchange for a reduced sentence.

Pollard's supporters argue that the sentence was disproportionately heavy for someone who spied for an ally.

The case shocked and embarrassed the Jewish community which feared charges of dual loyalty and was angered that Israel would endanger their position by using an American Jew as a spy.

One member of the NJCRAC committee, who asked not to be named, said that NJCRAC member agencies generally do not believe there is solid evidence that anti-Semitism played a role in Pollard's sentence.

"We do not see this as another Dreyfuss case," said the member, referring to Capt. Alfred Dreyfuss, the French Jewish army officer convicted of treason in 1894 on spurious charges.

"The case is in the courts and the system is working," said Baum, who is associate executive director for the American Jewish Congress.

A motion filed by Alan Dershowitz, Pollard's lawyer, to withdraw Pollard's guilty plea and hold a trial is scheduled to be heard September 10 in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit.

IN HARMONY

Singers at the first annual North American Jewish Choral Festival sing for an audience of their peers. Over 300 singers and 15 choirs attended the 1990 festival. This year's gathering, sponsored by the Zamir Chorale Foundation and the Joint Commission on Synagogue Music of Reform Judaism, will be held July 7 through July 11 at the Concord Resort, Kiamesha Lake, N.Y.

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IDF goes undercover against intifada

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

Israel Defence Force soldiers disguised as women, old men and masked Arab youths have been waging undercover war against intifada activists which the IDF claims has been eminently successful.

Disclosure of the hitherto top secret operation, with the approval and full co-operation of the armed forces, was hailed by some Israelis, but shocked and angered others.

Actual scenes were shown of soldiers putting on disguises and undercover squads wearing black-and-white checkered head-dresses quietly nabbing surprised suspects in the middle of the street.

Defence Minister Moshe Arens and IDF Chief of Staff Gen. Ehud Barak said the "surgical" operation by teams of specialists captured the real troublemakers, thereby avoiding the collective punishment of entire Arab towns and villages and lowered the IDF profile in the territories.

IDF spokesman Brig. Gen. Nahman Shai said Sunday that the purpose of the disclosure was to let the Palestinian activists know they were not safe in their own backyards.

Another important reason, military sources said, was to refute Palestinian claims that the undercover units were "hit squads" sent to assassinate intifada leaders.

But an unidentified Arab caller from the Gaza Strip told Voice of Israel radio that the local Arab populations can easily spot outsiders regardless of any disguises.

U.S. House approves $6.2 billion for Israel

WASHINGTON (JTA)

A total of $6.2 billion in aid to Israel over the next two years has sailed through the House of Representatives as the 1992-93 Foreign Aid Authorization Bill passed by a vote of 279 to 134.

The measure provides Israel with $3 billion in all-grant aid in the 1992 fiscal year and $3.2 billion in fiscal 1993.

The House approved the 1992 Foreign Aid Appropriations Bill by a vote of 301 to 102. Unlike the two-year authorization bill, the appropriations bill deals solely with the 1992 fiscal year, which begins Oct. 1.

The authorization bill sets the limits on the foreign aid that can be allocated in the appropriations bill. Neither bill is expected to reach the Senate floor before mid-July.

Under the authorization bill, Israel would receive a $1.2 billion grant for economic aid in 1992 and 1993. But its military aid would jump from $1.8 billion in 1992 to $2 billion in 1993.

Aid to Jordan, set at $27 million in both bills, was symbolically eliminated by amendments adopted on the House floor.

But President George Bush could waive that language in both bills by certifying that it was in the national interest of the United States to provide aid to Jordan.

Additional requirements contained in the appropriations bill before Bush could release the aid are to certify that Jordan has "taken steps to advance the peace process in the Middle East, or that furnishing assistance to Jordan would be beneficial to the peace process in the Middle East."

Bush must also certify that Jordan is complying with UN sanctions against Iraq.

The authorization bill sets out a plan to end the Middle East arms race, including a freeze on U.S. sales of major weapons systems in the region. The House plan goes further than the Mideast arms control plan announced by Bush last month.

The House overwhelmingly defeated an amendment by Rep. John Bryant (D-Texas) that would have cut Israel's aid package by $82.5 million in 1992. That figure is roughly equal to the amount the Israeli government spent last year to expand Jewish settlements in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Under the Bryant amendment, which failed by a 378-to-44 vote, Bush could have allowed Israel to receive the money if Israel demonstrated that it was not investing "in new and expanded settlements in the West Bank and Gaza, other than Jerusalem."

Jerusalem Post editor dead at 48

NEW YORK (JTA) —

Louis Rapoport, the Jerusalem Post editor who put the issues of Soviet and Ethiopian Jewry on the regular agenda of Israeli journalism and world Jewry, died suddenly last Thursday morning in Jerusalem of a heart attack. He was 48.

Rapoport, a native of Los Angeles who made aliya in 1973, had just accompanied the airlift of Ethiopian Jews to Israel.

Rapoport, who was chief night editor and assistant to the editor of the Jerusalem Post, was the author of two books on Ethiopian Jews and co-author of a book on Natan and Avital Sharansky. His last book, *Stalin's War Against the Jews*, was published last year in New York.

Rapoport's work with Ethiopian Jewry began in 1975, when he visited Ethiopia and made an extensive study of the Jews there.

In 1986, he visited Refuseniks in the Soviet Union. On his return to Israel, he began a series of columns that evolved into a series and then a permanent weekly page devoted entirely to the issue of Soviet Jews.

"He got the Jerusalem Post to devote a full page to the struggle of Soviet Jewry once a week. There was no Israeli newspaper that did that, Hebrew or English," recalled Abraham Bayer, director of international concerns for the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council.

"He just drove them out of their minds until they did it," said Bayer, who remembered talking with Rapoport into "the wee hours of the morning. He was a singularly passionate advocate. It's a big loss, not just to his family but to Israeli journalists, to the State of Israel and to the Jewish people."

Rapoport wrote a column for the Los Angeles Jewish Journal called "The Insider." In the latest issue of that newspaper, he wrote about the "tug of war" for the soul of Ethiopian Jews, a reference to the turmoil touched off by Israeli Absorption Minister Yitzhak Perez's accusations against what Peretz called the "godless kibbutzim."

"One element that was entirely missing from the debate," wrote Rapoport, "was whether or not there would be a 'color problem.' The near-total absence of color prejudice in Israel concerning the Ethiopians stunned outside observers.

"What is interesting is how the 'finding' of what the rabbis say is the Lost Tribe of Dan has sparked soul searching throughout the House of Israel."

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Jewish Life

Rabbinical Reflections

By
RABBI AARON LEVINE

In Pirkei Avot we learn: "Jealousy, lust, and honor, remove a man from the world."

With our knowledge of physiology and psychosomatic factors in the onset of illness, we can easily interpret the above as telling us that, in truth, pursuit of the above can cause many physical and mental disorders, and even early death. What is considered a relatively new principle of modern medicine was known to our sages almost 2,000 years ago.

In this week's Sidrah, our sages demonstrate how these three character flaws led to the downfall of Bilaam, the prophet of the nations. Remember, we are talking about a man who rose to the highest stature possible — a prophet, who communed with God Himself! Yet, because of his pursuit of money, honor, and lust, Bilaam descended to the abyss of depravity.

It is amazing to see how far one can be affected by jealousy, lust, and honor-seeking. Bilaam who uttered, "How goodly are your tents, O Jacob, your dwelling places, O Israel;" Bilaam who recognized the beauty and the modesty of Israel and the glory of its synagogues and houses of study, agreed to curse all of Israel for the honor and wealth that Balaak was willing to bestow upon him.

Although Bilaam wasn't interested in *living* like a Jew, a life of morality and restraint, he nevertheless wanted to *die* as a Jew — "Let my soul die the death of the upright and let my end be like them." (23:10).

As the Chafetz Chaim explains: The believing Jew fears not death for he knows that it is but a crossing from a temporal life to a life of eternity. He believes in reward and punishment and the eternity of the soul which merits this eternal life for the performance of Torah and mitzvot. Even Bilaam recognized this. "But," says the Chafetz Chaim, "*es iz nit kein kuntz tzu shtarben vee a Yid, der greater kuntz iz ois tzu leben alleh yahren vee a ehrlicher Yid* — It's no great trick to die as a Jew, the greatest feat is to live all of one's years as a good Jew."

Parenthetically, *halevai*, we today, would even die as good Jews believing in reward and punishment, the eternity of the soul, and in *techivat hameisim*, the revival of the dead. We manifest these beliefs, somewhat, through the performance of the time-honored traditions of the *Chevra Kaddisha: tahara, tachrichin* (ritual preparation of the body for burial), the simple coffin, in-ground burial, etc. Certainly not by cremation, or the new "Jewish Choice," as advertised in the New York Post by a so-called Jewish Sanctuary, which fanfares its beautiful above-ground crypts — so diametrically opposed to Jewish law and custom, and bringing only harm to the body and soul as discussed in the Zohar.

But, turning to the living, one who lives a proper Jewish life knows that "Envy brings a rotting of the bones," (Proverbs 14:30), or as Moses said, "Rather a hundred deaths than one jealousy" He knows that it is fruitless to run after one's physical passions, for "no man ever dies having attained even a half of his passions." He knows that to pursue wealth is endless for "He who has one hundred wants two hundred; [he who has a thousand wants two thousand, and he who has a million wants two million], etc." He knows that "he who pursues honor, honor flees from him; and he who flees honor, honor pursues him."

But there is a "kosher" pursuit of the above. Jealousy can become a *kinat sofrim tarbeh chochmah*, which prods one to emulate the wise and to pursue knowledge. Passion can be used, not to serve the body, but for passion of the soul and spirit. Pursuing honor can mean having the self-esteem of being proud to be a practising Jew, not to be a self-hating one who is embarrassed by his religion or traditions.

It is entirely up to us. We can use the three as destructive qualities to destroy ourselves, or as constructive ones which will spurn us on to greater heights in the service of God and Mankind. Let us choose wisely!

Rabbi Aaron Levine has authored several books on Jewish law and customs, the most recent being The New Rosh Hashanah Anthology. *He is presently engaged full time as a writer and lecturer.*

No halachic barriers

RCA approves organ donations

NEW YORK (JTA) — In a landmark decision by an Orthodox rabbinical group, the Rabbinical Council of America has approved organ donation as permissible, even required, from brain-dead patients.

The endorsement, made recently at the group's annual convention, puts the 1,000-member group, the world's largest body of Orthodox rabbis, at odds with some other Orthodox authorities, who do not agree that the cessation of brain function indicates death according to Jewish law.

In authorizing organ donation, the RCA has affirmed that *pikuach nefesh*, or saving of life, is of utmost importance.

The position was taken at the group's yearly conclave as part of a health care proxy developed by the RCA for distribution by health care providers.

New federal guidelines, to go into effect in December, will require that every health care provider make available to patients a proxy, designating someone to be the patient's "agent to make any and all health care decisions" in case the patient is incapacitated.

The section of the RCA's proxy addressing organ donation reads: "The saving of a life takes precedence over all but three halachic imperatives — murder, idolatry and adultery.

"Therefore, no halachic barriers exist to donation of the organs of the deceased if they are harvested in accord with the highest standards of dignity and propriety," the proxy says.

"Vital organs such as heart and liver may be donated after the patient has been declared dead by a competent neurologist based upon the clinical and/or radiological evidence," it says.

"Since organs that can be life-saving may be donated, the family is urged to do so. When human life can be saved, it must be saved. Cornea transplants that can restore sight to the blind are treated in halacha as life-saving surgery.

"The halacha therefore looks with great favor on those who facilitate the procurement of life-saving organ donations," the proxy says.

Rabbi Dr. Moshe Tendler of Yeshiva University, a well-known Torah scholar who chairs the RCA Bio-Ethics Commission, developed the proxy.

In addition to designating an agent, the proxy also has an optional instruction that directs the agent to consult with Orthodox halachic authorities before making decisions.

Guidelines in effect in December

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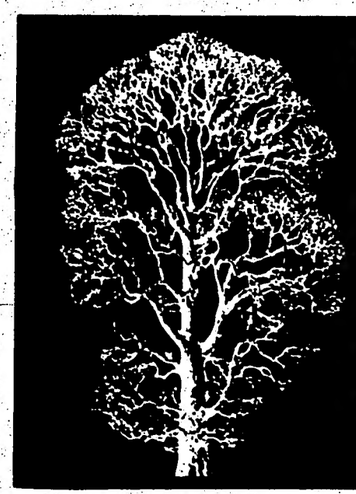

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Organizations and People

Premier honored at Reena dinner

Rae defends NDP budget deficit

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

Ontario "is doing the right thing" by running a $10 billion budget deficit this year because the NDP government cares about the vulnerable, Premier Bob Rae told last week's Reena Foundation annual dinner/dance.

Rae, the glitzy dinner's honoree, said the province "is strong enough" to carry the increased debt load, which costs 11 cents on every dollar Queen's Park takes in to service.

But, "that's better than Brian Mulroney paying something like 30 cents on the dollar" to service the federal debt, Rae said.

An upbeat Rae praised the Reena Foundation for its "extraordinary leadership" and, for advancing community living for the developmentally handicapped.

He said his government "will stay the course on increasing support for community living. We will make progress, despite the economy. Any government would be foolish not to sustain it."

The day after the dinner, Rae's government introduced a series of bills he called "a kind of charter of rights for vulnerable adults." These included an advocacy act and a bill dealing with rights to consent to health care.

The gala dinner drew 600 supporters and clients of the Reena Foundation, which was established in 1974 by Rabbi Joseph Kelman of the Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue to integrate the developmentally handicapped into the mainstream community, in a Jewish environment.

Today, dinner chairman Mike Feldman said, Reena, the Hebrew word for joy, provides services to over 600 developmentally disabled adults through community residential programs, group homes, family services, vocational training and Camp Reena in the Caledon Hills.

Reena runs 27 group homes for about 150 clients, while another 100 clients live independently in apartments, with Reena's support services.

North York Mayor Mel Lastman introduced Rae with some well-chosen words in Yiddish.

When Rae took the podium, he said, "Ich farshstein Yiddish, but ich nicht farshtein Mel."

Reena board chairman Harold Wodinsky presented Rae with a symbolic key, while Rae presented a key to Reena client Howard Zimmerman.

Halbert gets federation's Ben Sadowksy Award

TORONTO —

When it comes to veteran leaders of Toronto's United Jewish Appeal campaign, Dr. Gerald Halbert takes the front row.

Toronto born and bred, he first became a canvasser in 1962. Last year, he was one of what became known as "the magnificent seven": — the co-chairs of the UJA Operation Exodus campaign.

In addition to UJA, he has been involved as a leader with many other Israel-oriented organizations.

At the recent annual meeting of the Toronto Jewish Congress, (now The Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto) Halbert was honored for his tireless communal efforts and was presented with the prestigious Ben Sadowsky Award by TJC.

Dr. Arnold A. (Bucky) Epstein, chairman of the award committee, told the audience that Sadowsky was the first president, in 1937, of the Toronto Jewish Welfare Fund, a "paragon of excellence" who provided for the annual presentation of a leadership award on his will.

Dr. Gerald Halbert

This year's recipient, said Epstein, "personifies the finest in Jewish community experience."

In a recent interview, Halbert spoke of his experience and views.

"I got more out of it then I put into it," he said. In fact, connections he made through the campaign helped shape his life. A dentist by profession, he participated for 31 years until he retired, but years ago he became involved in business as well.

Halbert has demonstrated that professional people, and not only business people, can head the campaign. "You don't have to be a millionaire," he said, "I'm not shy to ask millionaires, because I feel I give a good gift myself."

Halbert is a devoted canvasser who enjoys the personal contact. "People give to people," he says, "rather than to a cause."

In accepting the Sadowsky Award, Halbert told the TJC meeting that there is a gap in communal involvement affecting large numbers of Jews in the 35 to 50 age group, residing in Richmond Hill and similar areas.

"They have no time or interest in Jewish causes," he stated. "We must reach out to them and make them aware. And another concern: What will happen to the third and fourth generation now growing up? Will they continue their parents' tradition of giving?"

Ohr Somayach housing project approved by Vaughan Council

By
LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO —

A motion to allow rezoning of a parcel of land on Clark just east of Bathurst in Thornhill from low to high density has been passed by a committee of the whole of Vaughan Council.

It was passed at Vaughan Council June 20.

Ohr Somayach is attempting to build an assisted housing apartment building on the site, part of which will be allotted to seniors and to the Reena Foundation.

As well, a northern branch of Beth Jacob High Schools is proposed for the site as well.

Originally proposed at 250 units on 14 floors, a compromise proposal was brought to the committee of 125 units on eight floors, tiered at the first, fourth and eighth floors.

Lou Greenbaum, a development consultant working for Ohr Somayach, said the scaled-down proposal was arrived at after consultation with area residents.

Mario Racco, councillor for Ward 3, in which the land is situated, opposed the rezoning, saying that the issue was not really one of reducing density, but in fact raising the density called for in the current Vaughan city plan, which is for 22 housing units.

He later told The CJN that he is opposed to what he called the "dumping" of affordable housing in Thornhill.

He said he felt it should be distributed throughout Vaughan, including Woodbridge and Maple.

Speakers opposed to the project outlined their objections, backed by a raucous crowd of over 100.

David Sherman, a lawyer whose house will be immediately across Clark from the new building, spoke of the loss of privacy, the lowering of property values, and increased traffic.

He asked that a vote be deferred until an independent traffic study of the area is done, a water main analysis provided, a properly advertised public hearing held, that the ownership of the land be made clear, and that opponents be provided with copies of all documentation.

Other speakers noted the already seriously overcrowded area public school, the overburdened Garnet Williams Community Centre, cutbacks at York Central Hospital, including the pediatric, psychiatric and speech pathology departments, and a state of affairs whereby people wishing to use city camps and programs have to take part in a lottery.

Supporters of the project said that the suggested site was perfect, since it is near a synagogue, shopping, park, and transportation.

Ward 3 councillor Bernie Green said that many of the same objections had been raised about the Crown Heights assisted housing project near Esther Crescent.

Admitting that he himself had fought against the Crown Heights development, he said that neither housing values nor the quality of the neighborhood had deteriorated.

Local resident Rabbi Yossi Schochet expressed concern over whether the proposed Beth Jacob high school would in fact be built.

Greenbaum, however, presented a letter from school co-president Ernest Werner declaring the intention of building a northern branch.

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TOUGH TEAM

JF & CS program allows teens to talk with peers

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO — Blunting the pain, confusion and hurt of adolescence is what's behind Jewish Family & Child Service's Adolescent Outreach Program.

The program, which just ended its fourth year, is designed to get teenagers to talk about their problems, whether it's relationships, drugs, depression, abuse or just coping with the stress of being a teen today.

Nothing new to that, except that the program goes to the teens, and not the other way around.

Since 1987, the program's co-ordinator — first Monty Laskin and now Bernie Finnigan — has gone right into a high school class, one of the few places where as many as 30 mostly attentive teens can be found in the same room.

The teacher leaves the classroom, leaving the kids with the JF&CS social worker, who then encourages an interactive approach of airing common concerns and answers for two class periods.

"The program originated out of a sense that adolescents may not be aware of our services," Finnigan told The CJN. "Expecting them to come to us may not be the best way."

The program is non-judgmental; it doesn't chastize or praise the kids, Finnigan says. Rather, it tries to get the teens to talk openly and to help each other.

This past year, Finnigan visited classes in A.Y. Jackson and Sir Sandford Fleming secondary schools, as well as William Lyon Mackenzie and Forest Hill collegiate institutes, reaching up to 1,500 kids. Next year, the program will travel to six other schools, including Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto (CHAT).

But no matter where the program reaches, the problems of today's teens seem pretty much the same, Finnigan says.

The program focuses on four main areas: drug and alcohol abuse, coping with stress, depression and suicide and the most popular, relationships.

"It's a big issue. Boyfriends, girlfriends, sex roles, stereotypes and violence in dating. It's a very big issue."

It's big because it touches the lives of many teens. One in nine girls in Toronto report abuse, either at home or from boyfriends, while up to 70 per cent of teens have been or know someone in an abusive relationship, Finnigan says.

Then there's the pressure of being a teenager — owning just the right running shoes, being asked out, being accepted.

"There's incredible pressure to fit in. Advertising today is geared toward teenagers. All the supermodels are teenagers. Kids need the opportunity to talk about the stress in their lives and schools recognize the need for students to release that information."

Today's kids are also forced to make big decisions at an earlier age, such as taking the right courses to get into university and to get good jobs, and they're haunted by global problems they will inherit: the environment, government debt, nuclear war.

Finnigan and the program are proceeding on the belief that getting kids to talk about sex, drugs and violence will educate them, and not cause them to gravitate toward negative influences.

In addition to facilitating class presentations, Finnigan trains peer counsellors — teens who talk to other teens, and know the lingo.

This year marked the end of the program's temporary funding, Finnigan points out. For the first two years, it was funded by a grant from Wood-Gundy and the tab for another two years was picked up by JF&CS. Several avenues are being explored and it's hoped the program can continue.

For more information, call JF&CS at (416) 638-7800.

JERUSALEM PRINCESS

The Princess of this year's Jerusalem Pavilion, Tara Charendoff, 18, was joined at the pavilion's kick-off by Ontario's community and social services minister, Zanana Akande, and pavilion "mayor" Schura Vorona. Hundreds came to the pavilion, at the Bloor Street JCC, to hear and see the Jerusalem Dancers, the Ne'imot Singers and to sample a wide range of Israeli culinary delights. The pavilion closed June 22. [Ron Csillag photo]

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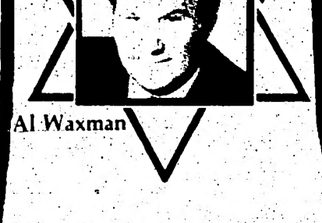
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Organizations and People

Planning series of booklets

Rabbi Hoschander new head of Vaad Harabanim

By
CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO —
Rabbi Henry Hoschander, the spiritual leader of Toronto's Shaarei Shomayim Congregation for almost two decades, was recently elected president of the Vaad Harabanim of Toronto.

The Vaad Harabanim is the Orthodox rabbinical body of rabbis throughout Ontario, excluding Ottawa.

As part of its ongoing activities, the Vaad Harabanim supervises the granting of Jewish divorces, conversions to the Jewish faith, civil and financial litigation and efforts on behalf of Israel and Jews throughout the world.

Rabbi Henry Hoschander

Rabbi Hoschander received a bachelor's degree in psychology and mathematics at Yeshiva University in New York, a master's degree in science with majors in counselling and guidance at the University of Massachusetts, studied special education at Wayne University in Detroit, and received his rabbinic ordination from Yeshivat Rabbenu Yitzchak Elchanan at Yeshiva University.

After serving as a pulpit rabbi in Northampton, Mass., Pontiac, Mich. and Rochester, N.Y., he was engaged by Shaarei Shomayim Congregation in 1972.

While in Rochester, the rabbi served simultaneously as director of Hillel at the University of Rochester and the Rochester Institute of Technology.

From 1955 to 1980, Rabbi Hoschander was the editor of the annual Sermon and Lecture Manual for the Rabbinical Council of America and he has been a contributor to various Jewish journals. He has written a commentary on Pirkei Avot.

Active community member

Rabbi Hoschander has been an active member of the community serving as a vice-president of the Rabbinical Alumni of Yeshiva University, national president of the Canadian Cabinet of Rabbis for State of Israel Bonds, president of the Ontario Region of the Rabbinical Council of America and actively involved in the United Jewish Appeal, the Eitz Chaim Schools and he has worked with the mentally ill.

Throughout his rabbinical career, Rabbi Hoschander has received numerous awards and citations from the Yeshiva University, State of Israel Bonds, Toronto's Lubavitch organization and the Jerusalem College for Women.

In an interview with The Canadian Jewish News, Rabbi Hoschander said that the Vaad Harabanim is essentially the organization designed to do precisely what individual rabbis are required to do — to teach, to meet the spiritual needs of the Jewish community and to establish needs not currently felt but essential to the growth and maturation of the Jewish spirit.

He noted that unlike gentile ministries who, as the name implies, "simply respond to expressed needs," the Orthodox rabbinate, aware of the palpable, spiritual vaccum, has launched a campaign of awareness and a reawakening and recommitment of spiritual values and traditions.

"Currently, the Vaad is planning the publication of a series of booklets dealing with a comprehensive, albeit precise, description of the processes involving conversions, adoptions, divorce and other life cycle practices.

"Additionally, rabbis are vitally concerned with the elevation of the moral and ethical practices prevailing within the Jewish community. Our rabbis are virtually involved with the physical and spiritual resettlement of the Russian and Ethiopian Jewish in Israel."

Other members elected to leadership of the Vaad Harabanim are Rabbi Moshe Stern, the spiritual leader of the Shaarei Tefillah Congregation who will serve as vice-president and Rabbi Yaacov Felder, the associate rabbi of the Shomrei Shabbos Congregation who will serve as secretary.

Congress calls for investigation into "racially offensive" flyers

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —
Canadian Jewish Congress is asking police to investigate flyers distributed in various Toronto neighborhoods that Congress believes offend Canada's anti-hate laws by denigrating visible minorities.

A similar complaint has been lodged with the Canadian Human Rights Commission asserting that a Toronto telephone line is being used to disseminate hate messages against an identifiable group.

Copies of the flyers, some of which were distributed to homes in the Bathurst/Wilson and Dufferin/Wilson areas by skinheads, others of which were posted on telephone poles in the Broadview/Danforth area, were also sent to Ontario Attorney General Howard Hampton.

In a letter to Hampton, David Satok, chairman of Congress' community relations committee, describes the flyers as "racially offensive material being disseminated by an organization known as The Heritage Front."

The Heritage Front has surfaced in recent months under the direction of Wolfgang Droege, according to Bernie Farber, Congress's research director.

Droege was involved in the attempted takeover about 10 years ago of the Caribbean island of Dominica, Farber said. Arrested by the FBI, the 41-year-old native of Nuremburg spent two years in jail before being released and returning to Canada.

It has distributed material that focuses primarily on visible minorities, Farber said, adding that people who share the sentiments expressed in the material often have the same feelings about Jews.

One flyer, featuring six photographs of black and Asian men, is headed "Preserve the Diversity of the Races," and states: "Stop all immigration which will destroy the uniqueness of the founding people of Canada."

Another flyer advertises a "Martyrs Day Rally" in memory of Robert Jay Matthews, a member of the violently racist U.S. organization, The Order, who died in a shootout with American police.

The December 1990 rally, the flyer states, was sponsored by the Heritage Front in conjunction with A.R.M. (Aryan Resistance Movement, which is linked to the U.S. White Aryan Resistance [W.A.R.]), by C-FAR (Canadians for Foreign Aid Reform), and by Church of the Creator (Toronto), History Buff Books (the Hamilton based store run by Jerry Neuman, a supporter of convicted history falsifier Ernst Zundel), and W.A.U., (Women's Aryan Unity).

Farber told The CJN that Congress had sent letters to the Toronto Mayor's Committee for Race Relations, to the North York mayor's committee and to the Jamaican Canadian Association, informing them of the material.

JCC planning to extend exercises for stroke patients

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —
The Jewish Community Centre is hoping to extend the exercise program for stroke patients to five days a week from the present three-day schedule, Ted Thompson, athletic director, said recently.

He was speaking to the annual banquet of the Stroke Recovery Group at Adath Sholom Synagogue.

Thompson paid tribute to Harold Tobias, the first person to join the JCC stroke group and who helped with its development, along with Paul Brownstein, then executive director.

Linard Lukss, the group's president, said a more apt name for it would be "stroke resistors."

Veronica Rambas, coordinator, and Leon Rochman, treasurer, gave reports on the year-long activities, including some out-of-town trips.

Paul Resnick, vice-president, Ken Angelson, secretary, and Vern Baker, all members of the executive, paid tribute to the work of volunteers in the social, exercise and swimming programs.

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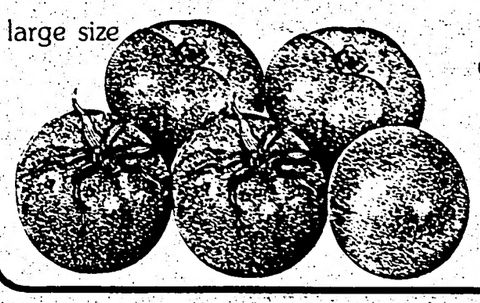
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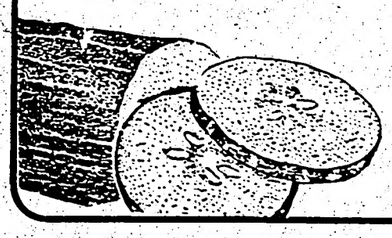
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Organizations and People

What's New

By
MIRIAM HERMAN

DEADLINE REMINDER

As you know, we will not be publishing the issues of July 4 and July 18. That is why this week's What's New and About People columns also include items that would ordinarily have appeared in the July 4 issue.

Please note other deadline changes — Thursday, July 4, is the deadline for the July 25 issue and Thursday, July 18, deadline for the Aug. 1 issue (back to regular schedule).

I will be at my desk on these deadline days to receive your calls and sort my mail. The number is 422-2331. Hope to hear from you.

Thursday, June 27

MEET REVA STERN

At the June 27 general meeting of Leonard Mayzel Ontario Lodge, B'nai Brith Canada, you will meet the lady behind Leah Posluns Theatre, producer/director **Reva Stern**. Listen to her stories of the theatre, actors, actresses and plays, and see a video of different shows.

Refreshments will be served and during the course of the evening there will be a draw for two (sets) of season tickets to the Leah Posluns Theatre. The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. followed by the program at 8:15 at Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue, 55 Yeomans Rd. To be eligible you must pre-register by calling **Alvin Abraham** at 667-8217 or 665-8220.

Monday, July 1

CANADA DAY CELEBRATION

Celebrate Canada's birthday with music and entertainment from across the country on Monday, July 1, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Mel Lastman Square, 5100 Yonge St.

This is a treat for the whole family featuring Spirit of the West, the Limeridge Fiddlers, a lumberjack show, rodeo demonstration and more. Admission is free.

For information, call 224-6085.

KLEZMER AT HARBOURFRONT

For the first time, klezmer music will be heard at the annual Canada Day festivities at Harbourfront on Monday, July 1. The Rick Kardone Trio will perform at 4:30 p.m. at the Urban Square Tent.

The trio, consisting of **Rick Kardone** on the piano, **Michael Sherman** on the clarinet, and **Joseph Roth** on violin, will perform for 40 minutes. The repertoire will include joyous upbeat klezmer standards, a few familiar Yiddish folk classics, an original Chassidic work by Kardone and even a jazzed-up version of what was the most successful Yiddish-derived pop song ever. What was this song? Come to Harbourfront on Canada Day and find out.

Tuesday, July 2

MANIC DEPRESSIVE ASSOCIATION

The Manic Depressive Association of Metropolitan Toronto will be meeting on Tuesday, July 2, when **Ruth**, a survivor of family abuse, will speak on Maybe it was Abuse? A Family Systems Approach.

The time is 7:30 p.m. at First Unitarian Church, 175 St. Clair Ave. W. For information about support groups and the Association, call the office at 486-8046.

LIVING WITH CANCER

The Living with Cancer program gives patients and their families and friends emotional, social and practical support and guidance through group discussions facilitated by trained volunteers.

Meetings are held on the first and third Tuesday of each month at the Willowdale Unit 4th floor offices at 6075 Yonge St. (four blocks north of Finch). The next meeting takes place July 2, at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call 226-0646.

Friday, July 5

HAPPY MUSICAL HOUR

Concert pianist **Lola Julitta Burns** will be performing at Cheltenham Nursing Home, 5935 Bathurst St., on Friday, July 5, from 2-3 p.m.

The program will include popular, dancing and semi-classical music.

Sunday, July 7

TEA N BOUTIQUE

Club Dafna, Na'amat Canada, is holding a Tea N Boutique on Sunday, July 7, from 1:30-4 p.m. Boutiques will offer gift items, accessories, leggings, baskets and lots more. Tea will be served throughout the afternoon.

For details, contact the Na'amat office at 636-5425.

Tuesday, July 9

LAWYERS LEARNING AT LUNCH

Ohr Somayach Thornhill announces the third meeting of Lawyers Learning at Lunch, featuring **Rabbi Uziel Milevsky**, dean of Ohr Somayach, on Tuesday, July 9. The session will begin promptly at 12:30 p.m. at the offices of Poole, Milligan, Hutchinson, and Syrtash, 2040 Yonge St., Suite 300, and will conclude at 1:30 p.m.

Lunch is available by reservation for $5. There is no fee for the class. For further information and reservations, call 886-5730. This series meets on a monthly basis.

HEALTH AUCTION

Come and take advantage of over 100 health items at very low prices. Bid on massage therapy sessions, weekends at retreats and health spas, environmentally friendly products, dinners for two, health and beauty services and much more. Vegetarian food will be available.

It will all be happening at the Health Auction sponsored by Canadian Natural Hygiene Society of Tuesday, July 9, at 7 p.m. at the Toronto Board of Education, 155 College St., 6th floor. Admisssion is $1 members, $2 non-members. All proceeds from admissions will be donated to the Toronto Food Bank.

Don't miss this opportunity to save on health products and services. Phone and mail bids are accepted. Call 781-0359 for information.

Thursday, July 11

LIBRARY FILMS

Forest Hill Library, 700 Eglinton W. presents a series of films on Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. The July 11 screenings are Masterclass with Menuhin (1988) and Austria: At the Heart of Europe (1987).

Admission is free and refreshments are served.

And What Else Is New...

JEWISH STUDIES HIGH SCHOOL

The Downtown Jewish Community School now offers a unique Jewish studies high school. Classes, titled Judaism 101. What is Your Judaism About? Issues of Jewish Identity in the Modern World, will meet Wednesdays from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Jewish Community Centre Bloor Y Branch, 750 Bloor St. W., starting this fall. This is for high school students in Grades 8-11 as of fall 1991.

Topics include local and international current events, text study and field trips. There are no assignments, tests or papers. Instructors are chosen for their enthusiasm, leadership and special ability to bring their subject to life for their students.

Phone **Joan Schoenfeld**, principal, at 924-6211 for more information.

SHAAR SHALOM HEBREW SCHOOL

Shaare Shalom Hebrew School of the Conservative synagogue, affiliated with the Board of Jewish Education and United Synagogue of America, announces that registration is now open for the coming school year of 1991-92 for children in junior kindergarten to Grade 8. The school is centrally located at Zion Heights Junior High, 5900 Leslie St. (at Cummer). The principal is **Joseph Klinger**.

The curriculum includes Hebrew, Bible, prayers, bar/bat mitzvah, holidays, music and Israeli folk dancing. Classes are conducted once, twice or three times a week, depending on the child's grade.

For registration call 738-1321 or 787-0197. Assistance in car pool arrangements is available.

CREDIT HEBREW COURSES

The North York Board of Education is offering secondary school credit Hebrew courses for Grades 10, 11 and OAC (Ontario Academic Credits) for the coming school year, starting Sept. 15 through to May 24 at St. Andrews Junior High School, 131 Fenn Ave., North York.

The courses will be held on Sunday mornings from 9 to noon. Registration will take place Sunday, Sept. 8, at the school. For further information, call Heritage Continuing Education, North York Board of Education, at 444-1207.

KOL YISROEL CONGREGATION

Kol Yisroel Congregation holds Shabbat services every Saturday morning at the Borochov Centre, 272 Codsell Ave., commencing at 9, with kiddush following. Services are conducted under Ball Tefillah **Mark Biller**.

There are also full facilities for bar/bat mitzvahs. For details, call 630-9444.

LIFE DRAWING AND PAINTING

The Koffler Gallery School of Visual Art's Life Drawing and Painting course offers the chance to draw and paint the human figure with **Oliver Girling**, an artist for whom figurative painting is a primary medium.

Beginning with the basics of anatomical drawing, the class will work its way through gestures and action poses to finally considering the figure in context, including both the pictorial surroundings of the figure and the composition of the narratives.

The class will run for 10 sessions, twice weekly, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7-10 p.m., beginning July 2.

Also offered this summer are Potters Wheel and Handbuilding (day and evening classes), Watercolor in Edwards Gardens, Experimental Watercolor Workshop (two-day workshop) and Drawing and Painting for Teens.

For more information, contact **Rose Brinder** at 636-2145.

JF & CS GROUP SERIES

Jewish Family & Child Service offers the following group series—

Parenting in the '90s — Groups will be offered in the summer and fall for Parenting Teens, Single Parenting, Parenting the Young Child, Step Parenting and Parenting Adopted Children.

Looking Ahead — A group for separated or divorced people to discuss part-time parenting, being alone, separating from the past and moving forward. This is to begin in August.

For information, call **Pat Lieberman** at 638-7800, ext. 215.

SUMMER HEBREW ULPAN — AM—PM

Israel is more fun in Hebrew. Learn to speak Hebrew in nine easy lessons taught by the dynamic and experienced **Yael Lev**.

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Classes will be held at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave. The ulpan will be offered mornings and evenings in two levels — beginners and intermediate. Lessons will start the week of July 2.

For registration and information, call Yael Lev at 225-6151.

for seniors

The Wagman Centre Self-Help Widows Group, 55 years of age and over, meets every other Sunday to help each other deal with mourning and adjust to loss. The meetings provide a supportive environment where group members can share experiences and make new friends. The next meeting takes place July 7, from 1-2:30 p.m. in the library of the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave. Group coordinator is **Toby Warsh**. For more information, call **Gitit Gilran** at 789-5131, ext. 2271.

Beth Tikvah Friendship Group, 55 plus, will meet on Tuesday, July 9, at 8 p.m. at the synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave. Guest speaker **Sonny Goldstein** will discuss Making the Most of Retirement...Financially. Join in an informative and stimulating evening. Admission is $2 members, $5 non-members. For information, call **Sarah** at 226-2261.

Earl Bales Senior's Club upcoming events include a Catskill trip to the Pines Hotel July 7-14 ($775 Canadian for eight days, $575 for six days), a Buffalo shopping tour Tuesday, July 23 ($20. Please bring your own lunch), a dance with a live band on Sunday, July 7, at Earl Bales Community Centre from 7:30-10:30 p.m. ($3 members, $4 non-members), a movie on Wednesday, July 10, at 7 p.m. (free for members, $1 for non-members)...Ongoing activities continue including billiards and table tennis...The woodworking shop has approximately 20 members participating on a full or part time basis. Seniors are invited to drop in and observe the operation. Suggestions and volunteer assistance would be most welcome. In addition to the crafts, the group also offers furniture repairs including chair recovering with special rates for members. For information on all activities, call 636-7856.

The next **LZA Seniors Club** luncheon meeting is on Wednesday, July 17, at the Borochov Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. A few days later on July 21 and 23, a group leaves for the Raleigh Hotel in the Catskills for a week of fun and relaxation. Bus leaves from Sheppard-Bathurst plaza at 7 a.m. A few seats are available...Registration is now open for the day cruise through the Welland Canal and a visit to a winery on Aug. 28 and there are a few seats available for the Stratford trip on Oct. 30...Registration for the Miami trip to the Di Lido Hotel will take place at the July 17 luncheon meeting from 10 a.m. to noon...The Cultural Discussion Group continues on Tuesday mornings at 10 and the Shuffleboard Group meets every Tuesday evening at 7.

The Good Age Club at the JCC Bloor Y, 750 Spadina Ave. (at Bloor) meets on Thursdays from 2-4 p.m. Programs include lectures, trips, bingo and more. Call **Luni** at 924-6211 for information.

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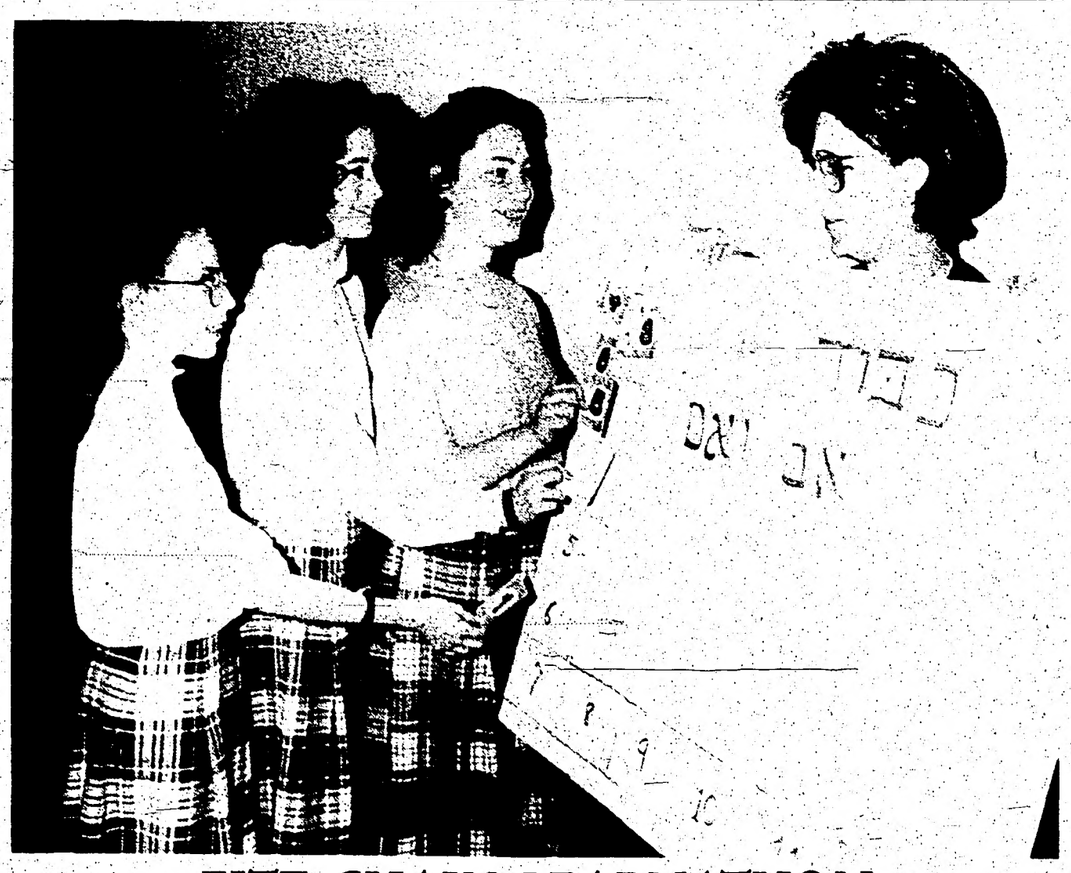

EITZ CHAIM LEARNATHON

Eitz Chaim held its annual Learnathon recently with United Jewish Appeal Operation Exodus the ultimate beneficiary. Students at all three branches participated in daylong study sessions, including reading assignments, group discussions, games and lectures. More than $16,000 was raised to help rescue Soviet Jews and resettle them in Israel. Pictured here (from lef) are students Leora Brothman, Tova Koperwas and Sara Augenblick, along with teacher Linda Levin. [Graphic Artists photo]

Organizations and People

What's New

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Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club, 470 Glencairn Ave., is holding an orientation and reservations meeting regarding the Israel trip (Nov. 13-Dec. 4) on Monday, July 29, at 1 p.m...Ongoing activities continue until August. For information about the trip and all programs, contact **Lena** at 785-5773 or **Ruth** at 224-5923...The Golden Book is a great way to mark special occasions. Your donations go to Lanaido Hospital and Orphanage in Israel. Call **Dorothy Bloomfield** at 787-1526.

Holy Blossom Temple's **Lunch and Learn in Retirement Group** has arranged a trip to the McMichael Gallery in Kleinberg on Wednesday, July 17, with a guided tour and high tea at a cost of $10 for the entire afternoon. Reserve with the group or call the temple office at 789-3291. Also, an August outing is being planned. Lectures will resume Oct. 9.

Sunshine Seniors, 55-70, welcomes you on Mondays at 1:30 p.m. at Earl Bales Community Centre for an afternoon of socializing and mix and mingle. Come out and participate in upcoming events, outings, programs and more. Refreshments are served...Enjoy a day away at Bracebridge in Muskoka on Tuesday, July 16, including a full course sit-down lunch. Tour and visit interesting places. Also, a four-day mini-vacation is planned for the third week in August at Gananoque, Thousand Islands, with meals, entertainment, a cruise, tour of Ottawa and much more. Call **Sylvia** at 730-0503 or **Freda** at 224-0549 for information.

The JCC Bloor Y Branch, 750 Spadina Ave. (at Bloor), is running seniors programs throughout the summer — knitting, bridge, dance, fitness and Good Age Club. For information, call **Luni** at 924-6211.

Canadian Israeli Club Aluma, for Israelis and Hebrew speaking persons 55 and over, meets every Wednesday evening from 7:30-9:30 at the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave. The July 3 meeting will feature an evening of Israeli music. Bring your best record. For information, contact **Avner Meiri** at 663-1443 or **Oved Azuri** at 631-9794 or **Gitit Gilran** at the Wagman Centre at 789-5131, ext. 2271.

Young at Heart Seniors is holding a meeting on Tuesday, July 2, from 1-3 p.m. in the Tessler Hall of Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, 100 Elder St...A trip to the Catskills at the Pines Hotel is set for Aug. 4-13 with lots of goodies including a trip to Atlantic City, deluxe medical insurance, three kosher meals daily (under New York kashrut law) and much more for only $890 Canadian. For information, call **Manny** at 633-7463 from 1-9 p.m. or **Helen** at 635-6343 from 7-11 p.m. or 462-0258 from 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Club Chaverim meets for an afternoon of cards and bingo on Mondays from 12:30-4 at the JCC North/East Valley Branch, 7015 Leslie St. For information, call **Nurit** at 889-0813.

Senior Sinais Golden Book is ongoing. Your donations for special occasions go to Kibbutz Yahal in Israel. Place your order with **Frances Malkin** at 226-3252 or **Ida Himmelstein** at 630-3862 between 7 and 9 p.m.

A summer program for seniors takes place on Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. during July and August. For more information, call North York Community House, 3101 Bathurst St., at 784-0920.

At the **Wagman Centre**, 55 Ameer Ave., — The Romanian Social Club welcomes new members, 55 years of age and over. The club meets every Tuesday afternoon from 1:30-3. For more information, call 789-5131, ext. 2271...Upcoming summer outings include the Arbour Theatre in Peterborough to see **Norm Foster's** *The Affections of May* on Thursday, July 4 ($30 members, $32 non-members) and an Island Princess Cruise at Orillia with fish luncheon at the Highwayman Inn on Monday, July 22 ($41 members, $43 non-members). Register with payment at the Wagman Centre office. For information, call **Chyla Talesnick** at 789-5131, ext. 2274.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. The phone number is 225-2112.

La'Briyut Wellness Centre is offering the following support groups and educational programs—

Successful Slimming, an eight-week program with nutritionist/dietician **Paula Ruch** on Mondays from noon to 1 p.m., July 8, 15, 22, 29, Aug. 12, 19 and 26.

Stress Reduction Workshop, a four-week program with **Sandra Fujino**, public health nurse, on Wednesdays from 1:30-2:30, July 3, 10, 17 and 24. Come in loose, comfortable clothes. Register at the Wellness desk or call 225-2112.

Be Good to Your Heart, an eight-week program with public health nurse **Sandra McMillan** on Wednesdays, from 9:30-11 a.m., July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 and Aug. 7. Each week a specialist will be present to guide you to a healthy lifestyle. Register at the Wellness desk.

The health lecture on Thursday, July 11, will deal with Summer Heat — Stay Cool with guest speaker **Steve McClean** from Consumers Gas. The time is 1:30-2:30 p.m.

The Lifelong Learning Institute (LLI) is presenting new courses in partnership with North York Board of Education. There is no fee for members and all adults 60 or over residing in Metro Toronto. For non-members under 60 residing in Metro Toronto, the fee is $1.25 per instructional hour. For all non-members residing outside of Metro Toronto, the fee is $3.75 per instructional hour. These courses include—

Open Forum with **Hugh Innis** on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to noon, July 2-Aug. 20.

Canadian Folk Music: From Coast to Coast, This Land is Our Land with **Ted Roberts** on Mondays at 1:30 p.m. July 8-Aug. 19.

Canada Day celebrations and concert on Sunday, June 30, at 2:30 p.m. feature **Rachel Costriano** accompanied by **Michael Khinkis**. The charge is $3 members, $4 non-members. Refreshments will be served.

On Wednesday, July 10, there's a visit to Town and Country Restaurant at Springfield Farm with a buffet and guided wagon ride through strawberry fields and cherry orchards. The price is $29. Call **Barbara Zigler** at 225-2112.

The Friendship Circle, for people 55 and over and single, meets at the Centre every other Thursday at 7 p.m. Meetings are for Friendship Circle members only. The fee is $1 and refreshments are served. The July 4 meeting features vocal renditions by **Kimberly Hoffman**.

A dance with music by the Creative Band is set for Sunday, June 30, from 7:30-10:30 p.m. The charge is $3 members, $3.50 non-members.

Etrog, an Israeli cultural club for Hebrew speaking older adults, meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. For information, call **Helen Issenberg** at 225-2112.

at the JCC

Join the Bloor Y Twentysomething (24-35) Uptowners Downtowners Club. Programs are held on a monthly basis. This is a great opportunity to enlarge your circle of friends. For information or to get on the mailing list, call 924-6211.

Registration for summer camp at the JCC Bloor Y is now taking place. Call **Florence** at 924-6211 for further information. The Bloor Y is located at 750 Spadina Ave. (at Bloor).

The basketball camp for boys and girls, ages 6-16, sponsored by the Jewish Community Centre and Nike, is being held Aug. 26-30 at the North Y Branch, 4588 Bathurst St. For more information, contact **Janine Krusky**, basketball program coordinator, at 636-1880, ext. 261.

The JCC North/East Valley Branch, 7015 Leslie St., offers adult duplicate bridge for members on Monday evenings from 7:30-11. The cost is $3 per session. For information, call **Nurit** at 889-0813.

Registration for the Valley junior summer program for ages 5-12 is now taking place. The two-week sessions, starting July 2, offer tennis and swim lessons and more. Call **Nurit** at 889-0813 for more information.

Call the JCC Singles Hotline at 889-5101 for 24-hour taped information of events at the JCC and around the city.

About People

Mary and Joe Pallman

A 60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mary and Joe Pallman celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary at the home of their daughter and son-in-law, **Diana and Sheldon Lofsky**, on June 23 with relatives and friends. They were married in Toronto on June 28, 1931.

Both Mary and Joe were born in Poland, Mary in Dumbrova in 1910 and Joe in Lugov in 1904. They both came to Toronto in 1928 and met at a dance at Dundas Hall here.

Joe worked in the garment industry on Spadina Ave. and at one time had a factory of his own. He was social chairman of the Mozirer Sick Benefit Society for many years and still remains active. Mary was involved with the Chavra Club of Pioneer Women for many years. They live on their own, remain in good health and spend their winters in Florida.

In addition to Diana and Sheldon, the Pallmans have two other daughters, **Lillian Yasny** (the late Ken), **ShirleyPallman** and ten grandchildren.

AND A 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Although their 50th anniversary date was Jan. 26, **Rose and Arthur Ruschin's** family waited for their return from Florida to celebrate. The party is taking place this Sunday, June 30.

Both born in Germany, Arthur left Germany for London, England, just prior to the Second World War and joined the British army engineer corps. Although they had dated in Germany, Rose went to England independent of Arthur also before the war. They were married in London in 1941.

They arrived in Toronto in 1949 with their son **Henry** (he is a community college teacher as well as a licensed pharmacist). Arthur worked for several plumbing companies before starting his own business in 1954-55. He is now semi-retired. Second son **Steven** is carrying on the tradition since he is also a master plumber with his own business.

In addition to being a housewife and mother,

Rose and Arthur Ruschin

Rose worked for the Singer Sewing Co. in the early '50s and then successfully graduated as a Jewish Family Life educator from Jewish Family & Child Service in the '70s.

Rose and Arthur have been members of the Zaglembier Society for the past 40 years.

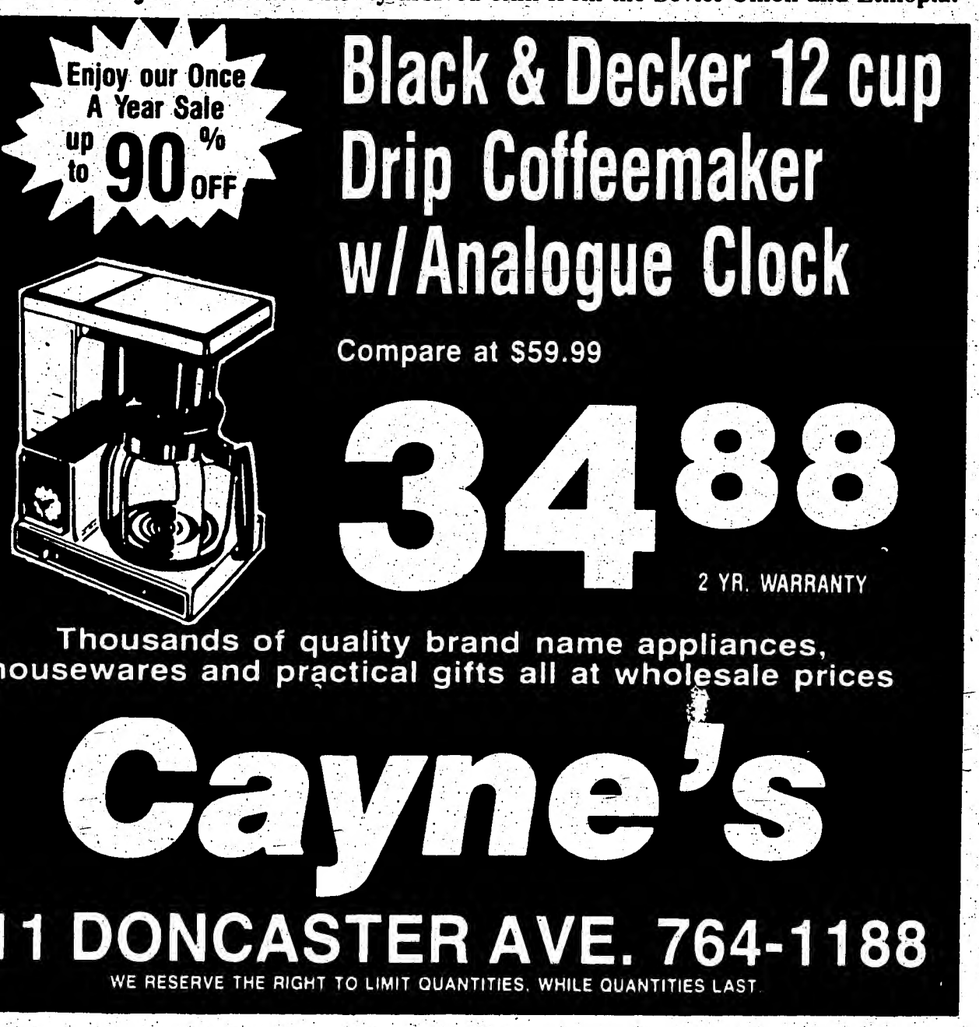
Henry and his wife **Velma**, their two children, **Mark**, 15 and **Melanie**, 12 and Steven and his wife **Pam** are hosting the anniversary party at their parents' home in Downsview.

BETH DAVID EXECUTIVE

Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am's newly elected executive for 1991-92 is headed by president **Glenn Bowman** with 1st vice-president **Leonard Golberg**, 2nd vice-president **Dr. Alfred Lightstone**, 3rd vice-president **Marvyn Budd**, treasurer **Judy Silver**, secretary **Van Shron**, immediate past president **Shirley Zuckerbrot** and trustees **Bernard Rubin, David Solomon** and **Barry Sonshine**.

EARLY START

Gabriel Grushcow (left) newly elected president of Beth Tzedec Congregation, with Marilyn Light, Beth Tzedec's Israel Bond Committee chairman, and Dr. Martin Wolfish, congregational chairman, are making an early start on this year's campaign. All of the proceeds will be used to create jobs for Israel's newly arrived olim from the Soviet Union and Ethiopia.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Podhoretz addresses Institute for Jewish Learning siyum

Arabs said using "big lie" to make political gains

By
BILL GLADSTONE

TORONTO —

The Arab world has overturned the truth in absolutely Orwellian fashion by pretending that the longstanding Arab-Israeli conflict is no more than a human rights struggle pitting the Palestinians against the Israelis, says the editor-in-chief of Commentary Magazine.

Norman Podhoretz, speaking to close to 400 people at the the Institute for Jewish Learning's second annual siyum at the Leah Posluns Theatre, said that by "plugging this big lie," Arab leaders have made tremendous political gains, won much support from Israel, and created "a climate of opinion in which (North American) Jews have become uncomfortable in supporting and defending Israel.

The siyum was sponsored by the Posen family in memory of the late Harry Posen, marking the end of the second year of the Institute for Jewish Learning.

Prior to the lecture, the institute's board of trustees delivered a report at a dinner in which the second year was reviewed and plans for year three were discussed.

In its second year the institute expanded, attracting over 360 students, most of which said they would have continued with their course had it been extended. Plans for next year include a program of advanced study for graduates, a series of programs geared towards families and an institute — sponsored educational mission to Israel.

At the lecture, the acclaimed editor and author, whose talk was entitled Israel: Obsession, Obligation or Opportunity?, discussed why defenders of the Jewish state seem to have withdrawn from the media debate on Israel and the Middle East. He said that in their absence, the media has focused inordinately on Israel's "warts and sins," neglecting the atrocious civil rights records of various Arab regimes.

"The Arabs under Israeli occupation have more freedoms than any living under Arab sovereignty," he pointed out.

Podhoretz said that the media campaign "has no other purpose than to undermine the moral position of the Jewish state. People are trying to prove that Israel doesn't deserve to exist."

Outlining Jewish resistance to a Jewish sovereign state before 1939, Podhoretz said that many Orthodox Jews felt that such a state was "blasphemous" without the simultaneous arrival of the messiah. Likewise, many Reform Jews objected to Zionism because they saw it as "narrow, sectarian and parochial."

Secular and socialist Jews also put down Zionism as "reactionary bourgeoisie nationalism, he said, adding that even the influential Yiddish newspaper Forward opposed Zionism on secular grounds.

It was not until five Arab nations attacked the nascent Jewish state in 1947 that Jews "made a grudging peace with Israel, he said, and any opposition they felt they kept largely to themselves."

According to Podhoretz, Jewish popular attitudes to Israel entered a dramatic new phase on the eve of the 1967 Six Day War when Nasser and other Arab leaders vowed to push Israeli Jews into the sea. Following Israeli's seeming miraculous victory, Podhoretz said all the previous Jewish resistance to the idea of a sovereign Jewish state was wiped away.

As for the future, Podhoretz said it holds either a blessing or a curse.

"If Jews can't rouse themselves to defend Israel, then no one will defend Israel, and this campaign of delegitimization will succeed, bringing on all the horrors that will follow," he said. "And if there are any Jews left in the coming century, they will curse us for having let this opportunity slip, and we will richly deserve those curses.

"But if we do rouse ourselves to fulfill the historic obligation and opportunity that has been passed to us, future generations in the 21st century will bless us for having done what was necessary in our day."

For more information about the institute, or to be on their mailing list, call 631-5660.

Norman Podhoretz with institute director Mark Charendoff.

Direct talks between Jews-Arabs seen best way to achieve peace

LONDON, Ont. —

In searching for a permanent peace settlement in the Middle East, the best method will be through direct Israeli-Arab talks, says Yaron Svoray, an expert on international politics and American-Israeli relations.

Svoray recently addressed the 1991 State of Israel Bonds brunch here, which paid tribute to Steve and Trish Kaplan. The event was attended by about 150 people.

Svoray said that in any negotiations relating to peace in the region, the United States will have to choose between supporting Israel's wishes and those of Egypt and other Arab nations who supported them during the Gulf War.

At the same time, he noted that U.S. Secretary of State James Baker is not as sympathetic to Israel as his predecessors have been and that the United Nations has never been a good negotiating forum for Israel.

Therefore, Svoray said he favors direct talks between Israel and neighboring Arab states.

He said Israel is also facing grave economic problems resulting from the urgent need to absorb up to 1.2 million Soviet Jews during the next five years.

"World Jewry cannot afford to fail them, for who knows how soon the Soviet gates will close again," said Svoray, U.S. correspondent for Hadashot, one of Israel's leading daily newspapers. "Money raised through the Israel Bonds campaign can help here."

Svoray noted that while the intifada has ceased to be front and centre stage in world news, and while the Gulf War has proved to be a considerable setback for the Palestinian cause, the resultant political climate leaves the way wide open for increased terrorist activity.

Dolly Vaisler paid tribute to Trish Kaplan, citing herself as having been instrumental in recruiting her for Hadassah-WIZO and displaying great personal pride in Kaplan's subsequent achievement

Max Valinsky followed with a tribute to Steve Kaplan and Len Shankman formally presented the couple with the Lion of Judah award to commemorate the occasion.

In acknowledging the award, Steve Kaplan referred to the problems he faced in growing up Jewish in Val d'Or, Que., where all meat and other kosher foods had to be shipped from Montreal. While he failed in his growing years to recognize many anti-Semitic comments which he received for what they were, these subconsciously fuelled his adult interest in B'nai Brith, particularly the League for Human Rights.

Trish acknowledged the strong support she had received from family and friends in all her undertakings.

Greetings were also brought by Gerald Enchin, executive director of the London Jewish Federation; and Esther Matlow, national president of Hadassah-WIZO. Congratulatory messages were read from B'nai Brith national president Marilyn Wainberg and Naomi Frankenburg, immediate past president of Hadassah-WIZO.

The event was co-ordinated by Martin Shapiro and Bernie Zaifman.

JAKOBOVITS FAMILY

Lord and Lady Jakobovits were recently reunited with their Canadian family. The chief rabbi of the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth was in Toronto to receive the 1991 Templeton Foundation Prize for Progress in Religion ($800,000). From left are Lady Jakobovits, Lord Jakobovits, his brother Rabbi Shlomo Jakobovits, general studies principal at Eitz Chaim; Brenda Jakobovits and family friend Monty Mazin.

STUDENT PETITION

MP Bill Attewell (third from left) accepts petition for External Affairs Minister Barbara McDougall from Canadian Jewish Congress urging the federal government to intervene on behalf of the Swed brothers, recently sentenced to 6½ years in a Syrian jail following an in-camera hearing. The petition was presented at the 1991 UJA Walk for Israel. Others (from left) are Walk volunteer Allan Cooper, Nachon's Oppressed Jewry chairman Tamara Emerson; UJA Walk chairman David Engel; vice-chairman of the National Task Forces for Syrian Jewry of the CJC Helen Cooper, and Nachon committee member Devorah Levine.

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Organizations and People

Soviet Jewish youth hesitant about settling down in Israel

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

Young Soviet Jews are anxious to return to their roots but many at the same time are apprehensive about moving to Israel, a Canadian student reported after a recent visit to the Soviet Union

Jewish clubs are thriving in various Soviet centres, and in the Ukrainian city of Dnepropetrovsk, 4,000 people participated in four Passover seders, according to Shelly Feld, chairman of the Jewish students group at the University of Western Ontario.

But in conversations with students in Moscow, Feld learned that some were afraid of moving to Israel. Many of them labor under various misconceptions about what awaits them there, he added.

Some said they felt they could be at the top of their field if they remained in the Soviet Union but have poor job prospects in Israel. A surprising number said they believed Israel was just too small to absorb all the Soviet Jews, while others expressed concern over the Arab/Israeli conflict.

The students seemed woefully unaware of all that is being done to integrate Soviet olim into the country, he said.

Feld was in the Soviet Union for a two-week visit prior to traveling to Israel to participate in the recent Jewish Students Network leadership training seminar. Along with fellow Western students Geoff Matlow and Lee Birbrager, Feld visited Jewish communities in Moscow, Dnepropetrovsk and Kiev.

In Moscow the Canadian trio met with members of Tehiya, a fledgling Jewish students organization which is planning to publish the country's first Jewish student newspaper in 50 years.

During a Shabbaton with about a dozen students aged 16-23, the Canadians learned that their Soviet counterparts were totally unaware of all the work done on their behalf in North America or of the Operation Exodus campaign, Feld said.

While some were concerned about moving to Israel, most were "terrified" about anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union. The students believed that the Soviet government is behind the anti-Semitic Pamyat movement and that if the situation in the country deteriorates, the government will will use Pamyat to direct an anti-Semitic campaign, blaming the Jews for the country's difficulties.

Dnepropetrovsk's Jewish community of about 100,000 has been rejuvenated by the city's chief rabbi, Shmuel Kaminetsky, Feld said.

In addition to the success of the seders, the Lubavitcher rabbi is able to attract up to 500 people to various community events.

About 40 young people, expecting to soon make aliya, have dropped out of Soviet schools to attend Hebrew day school to prepare them for life in Israel, he added.

During their one-day stay in Kiev, the Canadians visited Babi Yar, the site of a wartime massacre by Nazis in which an estimated 200,000 people were killed, 80 per cent of them Jews.

There is currently a move afoot to alter the plaque describing the site, since it makes no mention that most of the victims were Jews, Feld said. On Sept. 29, 1991, the 50th anniversary of the start of mass murders in the Kiev-area ravine, a commemoration is planned where a memorial will be unveiled to the victims of Nazi genocide.

CANADIANS HONORED

Honorary doctorate degrees were conferred on Rabbi Joseph Kelman of Toronto and Judge Nathaniel Nemetz of Vancouver at the annual Investiture ceremonies held at Tel Aviv University on May 12. A Canadian delegation attended the program and Canaday on Campus dedications of the Erich Vogt Laboratory for nuclear physics data analysis, the Harold Tanenbaum Research Program for Biomedical engineering and the Rabbi Joseph H. Kelman Jewish Educational Centre. Rabbi Kelman (right) is seen with Marivn Fox, beside the Honor Scroll of Canadians participating in the new Jewish Educational Centre.

Krakowsky re-elected at Associated

TORONTO —

Dr. Harry Krakowsky was re-elected president of Associated Hebrew Schools at its recently held annual meeting.

Krakowsky is a physician and an active staff member of Mount Sinai Hospital in Toronto.

Presently vice-president of the Toronto Jewish Congress, the past decade has seen him in many leadership positions in the Jewish community.

Krakowsky led the first Young Executive UJA mission from Toronto to Israel and was the recipient of the Leadership Development Award, Toronto Jewish Congress in 1981.

Other elected officers were Henry Koschitzky, chairman of the board; Mordechai Ben-Dat, Sheldon Goodman and George Weinberger, vice-presidents; Dr. Arthur Kruger, treasurer; Israel Mida, secretary; Dr. Eva Dessen, chairman, Vaad Hachinuch; and Fred Guth, chairman, budget & finance committee.

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At a special board meeting, Associated Hebrew Schools of Toronto has reconfirmed its decision that a school branch will continue in the Bathurst/Wilson community.

Associated Hebrew Schools has filed for a rezoning of the Neptune property. The plans call for the erection of a senior citizens co-op, a senior citizens condominium, retail stores and a parochial school facility.

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At the "almost supper" in aid of the Canadian Friends of Israel Cancer Association are (from left) Toby Kasner, Ruth Malitzky and Rosalie Sharp.

Israel Cancer Association screens film for fund raiser

By CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO —

The Canadian Friends of Israel Cancer Association recently held a fund raising "almost supper" at the home of Isadore and Rosalie Sharp followed by a premiere showing of the movie *City Slickers*.

"The Israel Cancer Association is very much like our Canadian Cancer Society," says Rosalie Sharp who has been involved with the organization since a Canadian Friends was formed eight years ago.

She explained that 85 per cent of the budget is designated for direct patient care and 15 per cent is allocated for research. Along with its many programs throughout Israel, the Association operates a summer camp for children suffering from cancer, and their parents.

She noted that, "They have a one-day door-knock campaign in Israel when most of the funds are raised. To meet their 15 million shekel budget ($7.5 million), Israel depends on us and other friends in the Diaspora such as Rio de Janiero, London, Paris and Frankfurt."

The money raised at the Canadian premiere will go to patient care in Israel — the Matthew Kasner children's playroom in the Beilinson Hospital in Petah Tikvah for children undergoing treatment for cancer.

Matthew Kasner, the son of Toby and Charles Kasner of Toronto, died last year at the age of nine after a 4½ year struggle with cancer.

"The decision was made to establish a playroom by our family after the death of our son," says Toby who became involved with CFICA after Matthew's death. "And the Association decided to help ensure a successful playroom project," she added.

In the words of his parents, "Matthew knew only too well how much this playroom facility provided a refuge even while undergoing chemotherapy."

Sharp, who addressed CFICA supporters at the movie theatre said that commemorative cards are available "and all the proceeds go to patient care only — not research."

Along with Sharp and Kasner, the hosts at the fund-raising event included Donald Carr, Judy Feld Carc, Harry Mayzel and Ruth Malitzky who coordinated the event.

"The fund-raising event was such a success because of the generosity and graciousness of Rosalie and Issie Sharp who have done so much for the Canadian Friends of Israel Cancer Association," said Malitzky.

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School fair creates a mini-Israel

TORONTO —

On Sunday, May 26, the Downtown Jewish Community School and the Jewish Community Centre of Toronto, Bloor "Y" Branch, co-sponsored their first Israel Experience Fair. Approximately 400 people attended the highly successful, family oriented educational event.

A mini-Israel was created out of the Bloor Y auditorium with posters, signs, Israeli music and slide shows. Activity booths created and sponsored by Downtown Jewish Community School classes and Bloor Y staff represented different aspects of Israeli culture.

Pikanti Israeli Kosher Restaurant served fallafel and other Israeli treats. Information booths were set up by the Jewish National Fund, United Jewish Appeal's Walk for Israel, the Holocaust Memorial Centre and Israel Aliyah Centre. As each participant entered the Fair at the "Lod Airport" welcoming booth, "Hatikvah" played and their "passports" were stamped.

According to Joan Schoenfeld, principal of the DJCS, "Our fair was modelled on a very successful project organized by the Milwaukee Association for Jewish Education several years ago. I learned about the model at the CAJE (Coalition for Alternatives in Jewish Education) Conference held at Ohio State University last August and couldn't wait to try it in Toronto."

Activity booths included *Kibbutz* — a huge, three dimensional board game in which participants toured a model kibbutz by moving their "visitor" pieces around the board; *Negev* — a "making the desert green" booth in which students learned planting techniques and took home what they had planted; Ulpan — a Hebrew language lab for beginners; *Sefad* — a religious artifact display, and a *Wheel of Fortune* Israel Geography game — in which players tested themselves on what they had learned at the Fair.

One of the busiest booths was the Jerusalem Art Corner, where children learned to paint their name in Hebrew on a ceramic tile, which they then decorated and took home.

According to Bill Emery, Bloor Y Branch director, "The JCC objective was to have a no charge, end of season event for families which was of educational value. We couldn't have been more pleased with the result and look forward to having the event again next year."

DJCS teacher Hannah Brown and her Grade 4 class prepare their Ulpan Hebrew Language Booth. Visitors to their booth practised their Hebrew with a listening centre and Hebrew speaking volunteers.

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Oboist started Sharon Festival

Cherney credits father for his career

By
PAULA CITRON

TORONTO —

Lawrence Cherney had no intention of becoming a musician, yet, at age 45, the acclaimed oboist has a thriving recital and recording career as well as being artistic director of the Sharon Festival and Chamber Concerts Canada. He's probably one of Canada's busiest men of music.

Born in Peterborough, Ont., where his father had a furniture business, Cherney and his composer/professor brother Brian grew up in a home filled with music. Their mother was an accomplished pianist from a musical family.

"It's my father's fault that I play the oboe," says Cherney. "When I came home from high school with a trombone, Dad said he liked the sound of the oboe so I switched. Music came easily and I was even sent to Toronto for private lessons.

"I also attended Interlochen Music Camp and played with the National Youth Orchestra, but I didn't go into the music faculty at U of T because I wanted a well-rounded education.

"I studied philosophy instead. In my third year, however, I realized music was the most important thing in my life, so I dropped-out of school to look for an oboe job."

Cherney has had only three professional auditions in his life and he was hired each time.

In 1967, after leaving U of T and just barely out of his teens, he got a summer job with the Atlantic Symphony at the Charlottetown Festival.

Returning to Toronto, Cherney joined the National Ballet Orchestra where he stayed for two years, finishing his BA nights and summers. In 1969, he became a charter member of the acclaimed Ottawa-based National Arts Centre Orchestra under maestro Mario Bernardi.

"Youth is lost on the young," says Cherney. "At the time, I didn't appreciate how difficult it was to get music jobs, yet here I was, going from one to the other with ease. There aren't too many 22-year-olds in major orchestras. Nonetheless, by the time I was 26, I wanted a different career — more chamber music and solo recitals."

In 1972, Cherney became a founding member of the York Winds which developed into Canada's foremost wind quintet. It was during the 10 years he spent with this group that Cherney honed his entrepreneurial skills by doing a lion's share of the quintet's administration.

During these years he also completed his master of music. "I went out on my own in 1982 because I found a wind quintet limiting. Ten years is a long time to be doing that rep even though we commissioned a lot of new music.

"I also wanted to get more into creative programming. I was tired of being at the mercy of others; I needed more freedom. I wanted my own control."

Lawrence Cherney

Musically, one way of securing control is to begin your own festival. Says Cherney: "In 1979, I started to look around Ontario for a place close to Toronto to have a summer festival. I knew about the Sharon Temple from a course in Canadian music I'd taken. I drove out in the winter and I couldn't believe the place; I was looking at a magic world."

The magnificent Sharon Temple, located just north of Newmarket, is an Ontario cultural landmark built in the early 1880s by a breakaway sect of Quakers under David Willson who wanted music in their lives which was forbidden by the mainstream of the religion.

In 1981, the Sharon Festival gave its first concert at the temple and has since become one of the most successful summer music series in the country.

This year the festival concerts, taking place during weekends in July, will be performed in the air-conditioned Sharon-Hope United Church rather than in the more restricted space of the temple.

Part of the success of the festival is due to Cherney's clever programming. One thrust is a commitment to early Canadian music, and the first Sharon concert of the season, called the heritage concert, always contains pieces that would have been played in the last century of contemporary music reflecting 19th century themes.

Cherney has ingeniously created programs that are "seasonal" or representative of "Old Quebec" or "Coastal" which had early music from the Atlantic provinces and British Columbia. When the festival opens on Saturday, July 6th, the program, featuring the Elmer Iseler Singers, has excerpts from a Mendelssohn oratorio as well as from *Serinette*, a contemporary Canadian opera about Wilson and his followers.

This year's coup is the three farewell concerts being given by the venerable Orford Quartet, the last time the group will ever play together. One program will recreate the music played at the group's first concert at Mt. Orford in 1965.

Chamber Concerts Canada also started in 1981 to give the York Winds a chance to participate in larger projects such as the Stravinsky cycle the group, with other musicians, mounted the following year.

Cherney is now the sole artistic director of the program. In 1985, Chamber Concerts started *Musical Mondays* at Young People's Theatre, an imaginative concert series for children. Next season, the acclaimed series moves to the Jane Mallet Theatre at the St. Lawrence Centre. As well, Chamber Concerts will be running a new series at Harbourfront's du Maurier Theatre on Sundays next season specializing in multi-disciplinary works.

Cherney is married to a visual artist and has two children, age seven and 10. In between being a father and programming his three series, Cherney also finds time to record and do recitals.

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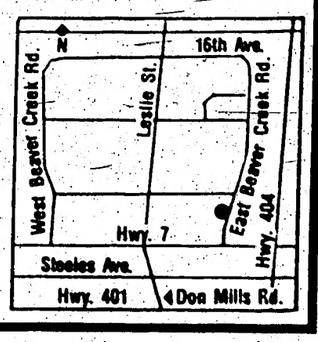

Travel

TRAVEL TALK

By
LEN BUTCHER

"I'm Gonna Wash That Man Right Outta My Hair." No, I'm not a switch hitter. If you're anywhere near my age, you'll remember this as one of the great songs from **South Pacific.** Why am I telling you this? Because over the next 10 days I want you to take a drive to **Artpark** in **Lewiston, NY** to catch the show.

For those of you who have never been to **Artpark** you don't know what you're missing. Throughout the summer, the park, with its theatre, located just across the **Lewiston Bridge** (that's before you get to **Niagara Falls**) is the home of some great entertainment at very reasonable prices. You can see **South Pacific** until July 7 for $8.50, $14.50 or $19.50, depending on where you want to sit. That's U.S. dinero by the way.

For you highbrows, it's a **Mozart Marathon** Friday, July 12 with all seats priced at $17.50, music performed by the **Buffalo Philharmonic.** This is great stuff, starting at 7 p.m. and going forever. I went several years ago and the orchestra played until 3 a.m. If you're going to OD on anything, **Mozart** will give you a bigger high than ju-jubes and is much better for you.

Beginning Wednesday, July 17 and running thru July 28 is one of my favorites, **Funny Girl.** Same price seating as for **South Pacific.** Catch both, plus **Mozart** and make a weekend of it. It's not a long drive and the price is right. **Lewiston** is a great little town and has several excellent restaurants. Check it out.

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Got a letter from **Mark Mandelbaum of Downsview,** who tells me that he and his family spent a weekend in June at the **Hotel Silberhorn** in **Grindelwald, Switzerland.**

This is the fine hotel owned by **Meir Wagner** which we've written about several times in **The CJN.** Anyway, **Mark** tells me that **Meir** had invited 10 members from each of the **Canadian, British, American and French** armed forces on consecutive weekends as guests of the hotel in gratitude for their valiant efforts during the recent **Gulf War.**

Mark said it was his pleasure to be at the hotel while the **Canadian** forces were present.

To quote **Mark:** "The soldiers, both men and women, and their spouses, were very appreciative of the invitation from **Meir Wagner** and his family. In the overall scheme of things, it may have been a small gesture, but it underlined to all of us present how **Israel's** security and the prospects of peace were enhanced by the efforts of all these young men and women.

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A visit to **Albert Einstein Hospital, Club Hebraica** and more await you in **Sao Paulo.** And then, of course, there's **Rio.** For those of you who have never been there, get ready for a treat, both to your ears and your eyes.

The beaches of **Copacabana** and **Ipanema** graphically show where the term "dental floss bikini" originated. The beaches are also a place where men and women are truly equal. Neither of them wear tops. Doncha love it?

For the less frivolous minded (how did they get on this trip?) there's **Sugar Loaf Mountain.** And last, but far from least, you will be treated to a samba show. Now if that doesn't get your cucarachas shakin', nothing will. Ole!

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Newest thing in eco-tourism

Phuket offers glimpse of Thai culture

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

PHUKET, Thailand — Phuket (pronounced PU-ket), Thailand's largest island resort, offers a visitor not only the usual sand, sea and sun — but gaudy Buddhist temples, a glimpse of Thai culture and the newest thing in travel, eco-tourism.

Lying in the Andaman Sea, some 870 kilometres south of Bangkok, Phuket is a lush tropical isle dotted with rubber, pineapple and palm oil plantations.

I flew to Phuket with Tradewinds Airlines, which has regularly scheduled flights from Singapore, about 1½ hours away.

Phuket attracts numerous visitors from all over Southeast Asia because of its natural beauty and its solid facilities.

Snug and compact, it is blessed with palm-fringed beaches, picturesque coves and dense rainforests filled with a remarkable array of flora and fauna.

From my base at the Phuket Arcadia Hotel, one of several immaculate five-star hotels here, I explored the chief sights.

Monks guide around temple

I visited two picture perfect postcard destinations, Karon Point and Cape Phromthep, with their panoramic vistas of the placid Andaman Sea, thickly forested hills, white beaches and tranquil coves.

At Cape Phromthep, which is renowned for its fiery sunsets, I watched Thai tourists genuflect before a miniature Buddhist shrine, with its four-headed deity, spent incense sticks and toy elephants.

Later, in Phuket town, I stopped at the Phranang Sang temple, which, like all Buddhist temples here, is a dazzle of bright red, gold and blue. Young monks with shaved heads, orange robes and guileless-ly gentle manners guided us around. Before I left the town, I toured a cashew nut factory, which was crowded with tourists waiting to buy bagfuls of chewy cashews.

The Orchid Garden and Thai Village was a one-stop experience in Thai culture. Apart from the exquisite flower beds, there were graceful women in sarongs carving floral designs from white radishes, cucumbers, beets and carrots.

What's more, there were folk dances, a sword fight, a Thai boxing match and an amusing elephant show during which the elephants scooped up tips with their trunks for their riders.

The handicraft centre was an enticing showcase of batiks, wood carvings, leather goods, lacquerware, shell work, ceramics and jewelry.

Beaches ideal for swimming, sunbathing

Wherever I went, I saw fine beaches, ideal for swimming, sunbathing, snorkelling and windsurfing. I particularly liked the bustling atmosphere of Patong Beach, with its lively souvenir shops, night bazaars and sea-side food vendors.

One of the highlights was a jungle trek through the Khao Phra Thaeo National Park. But before starting out, we were treated to a memorable five-course Thai meal in a thatched hut facing a placid water lily pond.

In the muggy heat, we walked up to the trickling Ton Sai waterfall. Along the way, we paused in awe to admire the towering, vine-clad trees whose crowns we were unable to see.

As we picking through underbrush, the guide pointed out the Palong palm, which is unique to Thailand. He told us that these woods are home to 100 species of birds and such animals as gibbons, porcupines and lizards.

I did not encounter any of these creatures, but my ears were filled with the sweet twitter of bird song as I moved deeper into the rainforest — a world onto itself.

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Plaut stresses importance of valuing senior years

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

Society's attitude to old people is well shown by the card the government sends you when you turn 65, Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut told the annual meeting recently of the Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living.

"It's a black plastic card with the Parliament Buildings in the background with one light on in the buildings. The message of that single light is: 'We want you out. You're a drag on the public purse. Get lost.'"

In rare form as he talked to the crowd of 400, the largest ever to attend an annual meeting, Rabbi Plaut apologized for not bringing his 101-year-old mother but explained that a week ago she fell and broke her leg and is in St. Bernard's Convalescent Home.

He said he had dyed his hair white (it is white) to be in style with those in his audience since he will be 80 next year.

"We live in a culture that doesn't like anything old unless it's antique," he said. "Old is a no-no in our society. It was not that way when you and I were young, an old hat was something you loved. We still have a dishwasher and a refrigerator that were made in 1946."

Compulsory retirement "is an abbreviation of our civil liberties," Rabbi Plaut said. "Many of us get to the best part of our lives when we reach 65. We must get rid of the whole concept of old."

In later years, people have time to read, to make new friends, and to think. "One morning I told my secretary 'for the next hour tell any callers that the rabbi is thinking.' At the end of the hour she came in distraught. 'You've no idea what I've been through. One man told me to tell you to think on your own time, not on his time.' You see, thinking is not fashionable."

Only 8 per cent of people over 65 are in nursing homes, Rabbi Plaut said, which means that more than 90 per cent have the potential to contribute to society, and even those that are housebound are not sapped of their creative energy.

The Bernard Betel Centre Choir, led by Eleanor Rice with accompanist Michael Khinkus, entertained the members with their far-ranging repertoire.

Rabbi Plaut was introduced by Harold Segal and thanked by David Magil, both vice-presidents, and chairman Judy Libman paid tribute to Magil for organizing the large turn-out.

Reports were given by President Aaron Landau and treasurer Shawn Rosenzweig.

A presentation was made to Myra Schiff, a former chairman and president, on her retirement from the board.

The following new members were elected to the board: Schmuel Fish, David Furmanski, Brian Ginpil, Ray Hughes, Rob Singer, Lois Wells, Evelyn Wexler, Ben Winbaum and Fred Winegust.

Farmers' Market opens in Toronto

TORONTO —

An Ontario Farmers' Market, beginning June 26, and continuing on the last Wednesday of each month this summer, will bring a bountiful harvest of locally grown fresh fruits and vegetables to Nathan Phillips Square.

"Harvest Days" means denizens of the downtown core can stroll to City Hall to buy just-picked fruits and vegetables of the season as well as meeting the farmers who grow them.

Presented by the City of Toronto and Foodland Ontario, "Harvest Days" will span strawberries to field tomatoes to peaches to sweet corn and apples.

The Farmers' Market will be operating from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., making it easy for anyone to pick up a few items (hand harvested by the farmers just hours before) for a fresh lunch or dinner.

During Ontario's peak growing season — July, August and September — more than 40 commodities will be available for shoppers who are looking for the freshest salad fixings, savory vegetables for grilling and fruits fit for preserving.

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Arts

Concert enriches ROM exhibit

Jewish "sisters" dazzle in show

By
PAULA CITRON

TORONTO —

Put together a nightclub entertainer, a concert folk artist and a performing ethno-musicologist and you have the perfect ingredients for a concert to accompany an exhibition detailing two centuries of Jewish life in Canada.

The exhibit, called A Coat of Many Colours, currently running at the Royal Ontario Museum until August 5, presents objects, materials and art works that cover the full spectrum of 200 years of Canadian Jewisih life in all its religious, secular and cultural aspects.

To enrich the exhibit, the ROM sponsored an evening of Jewish music called A Concert of Many Colours and the three very different performers with their wide-range of backgrounds are living examples of the Jewish diversity the exhibit attempts to chronicle.

The concert was put together by Dr. Judith Cohen, a post doctoral Research Fellow at the University of Toronto, and an expert in Ladino music of the Sephardi tradition.

Joining Cohen was Ahuva, an Israeli chanteuse of Yemenite descent, who brought the Middle East perspective to the program, and folksinger/television producer Batsheva who represented the Yiddish/Ashkenazi side of things.

Although each singer concentrated on her specialty, there were some interesting crossovers. Cohen sang in Yiddish, Batsheva in Ladino and everyone performed numbers in Hebrew. Occasionally they accompanied each other on various instruments which led to a bizarre but interesting mix of sounds.

Garbed in traditional dress, Cohen, accompanied by her able sister Frances on clarinet and recorder, played the hand drums and exotic instruments such as the oud (an Arabic lute) and the medieval fiddle.

Her introductions to the Judeo-Spanish Ladino music were academic but informative, her manner relaxed and her voice pleasant. The most dazzling aspect of Cohen's performance was her depth of knowledge and research into the Ladino culture.

Ahuva

In complete contrast was Ahuva, also in traditional dress, with back-up from her excellent guitarist Leon Ichkhanian (of Lebanese descent). Blessed with a big, deep, rich voice, Ahuva can sell a song.

She was the most accomplished "entertainer" of the three and the least comfortable with verbal introductions. One got the feeling that Ahuva is used to just belting out a tune. With her expressive face and lovely hand gestures, she didn't just sing her repertoire of Hebrew and Yemenite songs, she practically danced it.

Batsheva, accompanying herself on the guitar, was pure "folk" with that informal irreverence and insouciance associated with the genre. Humor mixed with social and political references permeated her performance which also had the widest range of music including several songs written by the artist herself.

She has formidable skills as a guitarist and if her lightly timbred voice has more the earthy quality of a pop singer than the purity of a folk singer, she is still able to interpret mood and feeling to great effect.

There was a very relaxed atmosphere to the evening, almost like a folk concert, and the three women referred to each of their two appearances as "sets" which carried the illusion further.

Also "folksy" was the casual introduction to the songs. In short, the program was like a Jewish Mariposa Festival.

The concert closed with all the singers and musicians gathered on the stage — and in every possible language — performing the well-known song *Where is the House and Where is the Street*, tracing its linguistic travels through the Jewish world. Nothing could show more graphically both the diversity and the commonality that is Judaism — "the coat of many colors."

Writer not seen as optimist

A.M. Klein's darker side revealed

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

The famous Canadian Jewish writer, A.M. Klein of Montreal, did not have as optimistic a view of Quebec and its place in Canada as reviewers of his work over the years have suggested.

This is the view of Toronto author Rachel Feldhay Brenner whose new book *A.M.Klein, the Father of Canadian Jewish Literature* is just off the press.

The critics had a tendency to "sentimentalize" Klein's views of Quebec after his book *The Rocking Chair and Other Poems* was published in 1948, Brenner told the CJN.

Klein died in Montreal in 1972 at the age of 63 after living for 18 years as a recluse in his own house, refusing to write or see anyone, following a mental breakdown.

It is true, the author says, that the ideal of the brotherly co-existence of Canadian ethnic minorities infuses *Montrealone* of the poems in *The Rocking Chair*. But, she writes: "Thematically the poems do not seem to develp a central idea of the brotherly rapprochement among Canadian minorities, neither do they seem to culminate in a song of praise for Quebec. On the contrary, as the volume unfolds, the tone becomes increasingly satirical and embittered .Two clusters of poems register the poet's criticism of transgressions against the principles of racial and social equality.

Rachel Feldhay Brenner

"Not even one in the final 10 poems offers the promise of a brighter future in the reality of unrelieved social inequality, materialism and bigotry."

Brennner writes that, if anything, Klein's self-exile into silence increased the interest in his writing by critics and writers.

She maintains that Klein's disillusionment with the way the new state of Israel dealt with the Diaspora in the early years of its existence may have contributed to his eventual breakdown. The Hebrew language was the key to Klein's regeneration as a Jew.

Many Canadian Jewish writers — Henry Kreisel, Irving Layton, Miriam Waddington and Leonard Cohen among them, owe a debt to the inspiration provided by Klein, she said.

The book is published by the Edwin Mellen Press, Box 67, Queenston, Ont., L0S 1L0.

Artistic director Leah Cherniak receives Pauline McGibbon Award

TORONTO —

The artistic co-director of Theatre Columbus, Leah Cherniak, has been awarded the 1991 Pauline McGibbon Award.

The award was presented by Minister of Culture and Communications Rosario Marchese at a reception that also honored the nominees of the 12th annual Dora Mavor Moore Awards.

Since co-founding Theatre Columbus in 1983, Cherniak has acted in many capacities: as co-writer, performer, director and co-director. Among three of the shows she directed there — *The Anger in Ernest and Ernestine* (1988), *Paranoia* (1989) and *Doctor Dapertutto* (1989) — the first two received Dora Mavor Moore Awards for Best Production in the Small Theatre Division and the larger was nominated in 1989 for a Floyd S. Chalmers Canadian Play Award.

Melancholia, which she co-directed, received a Dora Mavor Moore honorable mention for artistic/innovative excellence. Prior to Theatre Columbus, Cherniak performed as an actor in many shows and taught for three years at the National Theatre School of Canada and at many other theatres, workshops and high schools throughout Canada.

Administered by the Ontario Arts Council, the Pauline McGibbon Award was established in 1981 to mark the affection and respect held by the people of Ontario for their former Lieutenant Governor.

This juried award consists of $7,000 from the province of Ontario and a medal designed by Dora de Pedery-Hunt from the Ministry of Culture and Communications.

Nominees for the award are persons who are contributing their talents to theatre in Ontario and have displayed a unique talent, a potential for excellence, and are in the early stages of their career. The award is cyclical in nature honoring a designer, director and production technician in a three year cycle.

This year's award honored a director. OAC theatre officer Tim Leary explained that, in summing up its decision to honor Cherniak, OAC's selection jury noted: "She has unfailingly and with limited resources pursued an esthetic, allowing it to grow and develop, and in so doing has nurtured an audience and a company of actors.

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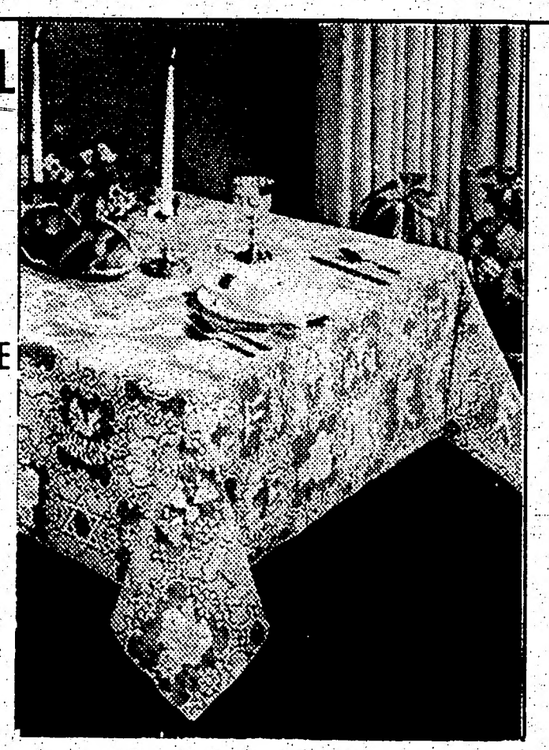

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Arts

Frank Rasky's SHOWBIZ SHORTS

It sounds like something out of a corny movie script, but the bizarre episode actually happened to **Lara Fattal**. Two years ago, the bat mitzah girl from Darchei Noam Synagogue in North York, still wearing braces on her teeth, was waiting at a bus stop on Yonge Street, when the dream was planted.

Frank Rasky

A representative of Bookings, Inc., the Toronto-based modelling agency, saw her potential beauty blooming and asked her, "How would you like to pursue a career as an international model? You look like a natural."

Her parents — management consultant **Tony Fattal** and social worker **Elaine Freeman Fattal** — thought she was still too young and too heavily involved playing the piano and saxophone and studying drama and dance at the Claude Watson arts program at Earl Haig Collegiate.

But now that she's 15, with lustrous blue eyes, cascading dark blonde hair, and an ideal 5-foot-8½, 110-pound figure, the dream has become a reality for their daughter. After signing with the Bookings Agency last November, she was chosen one of the 30 finalists selected from 3,000 Canadian applicants who entered the Ford Supermodel of the World Contest.

Last week, accompanied by her mother, Lara flew to Paris and London to work on assignments for the Madison and Storm modelling agencies. Lara is interested in performing in movies and has auditioned for the film, *Honey, I Shrunk The Kids, Part 2*. But the level-headed Jewish beauty says cautiously, "I'm planning to finish high school as fast and as well as I can, and from there I'll see what happens."

Toronto chantootsie-impresario **Aelita** heads a troupe of 10 singers and classical ballet dancers she has imported from her home town of Riga in Latvia to launch a summer engagement beginning June 26 at the El Rancho Nightclub, 430 College St. (921-2752).

Jewish jazz musicians participating in the du Maurier Downtown Jazz Festival this weekend include: the **Bernie Senensky** Septet at Berczy Park, Front and Church, and **Billy Lester** Trio at Royal Bank Terrace, Bay and Front, June 28; the **Harvey Seigel** Jazz Band and **Corry Sobol** Quartet at Harbourfront June 29; and the **Mark Eisenman** Quartet and **Marty Grosz** and The Orphan Newsboys, also at Harbourfront, June 30.

I look forward to seeing *An Epiphany For Isadora*, a work based on the writings and letters of modern dancer **Isadora Duncan**, staged, acted and danced by the magnificent **Elizabeth Szathmary**, running until the end of June at her Inner Stage Theatre, 9 St. Nicholas St. (967-3548).

As part of the Toronto Fringe Festival, 20-year-old producer **Mark Rapoport** will present *Diamonds Are Forever-A Girl's Best Friend*, opening June 28 at the Annex Theatre, 736 Bathurst (226-5907). It's a campy parody of the James Bond myth, featuring Jewish playwright **Liora Kigel**, choreographer **Sheri Begelman** and the Madonna-like blonde actress-singer **Corinne Rusch-Drutz**, all in their early 20s.

Jascha Milkis, associate concertmaster of the Toronto Symphony, former violinist with the Leningrad Philharmonic, tells me he expects to bring out top quality caviar and vodka at a party for his old friend, **Yuri Temirkanov**, present conductor of the Leningrad Philharmonic, who'll be presenting the *From Russia With Love* program June 26 and 27 at Roy Thomson Hall (593-4828).

I bow out with this quote from **Cole Porter**, born 100 years ago a Protestant, who told Jewish composer **Richard Rodgers** the secret of his Broadway songwriting success:

"I learned the trick of writing Jewish style."

Jewish 15-year-old model Lara Fattal

Book reveals emotional insights

Nazis' offspring deal with legacy

Books

By BERNARD BASKIN

Hitler's Children, by Gerald L. Posner (Random House, $27.50).

How do the sons and daughters of once prominent Nazis react to the almost unspeakable crimes of their fathers? Are they troubled by the contradiction of an often good and loving father and the image of a criminal charged with crimes against humanity? What was it like to grow up in a Nazi family?

In his quest for answers, the author sought out the offspring of some of Hitler's prime henchmen. He met with some expected angry rebuffs, but persisted.

Eventually, 12 in-depth interviews were held with such individuals as Niklas and Norman, the sons of Hans Frank, governor general of Poland; Wolf, the son of Deputy Fuhrer Rudolf Hess; Rolf, the only child of Auschwitz's "Angel of Death," Dr. Joseph Mengele; Ursula, the daughter of Grand Admiral Karl Donitz; Franz Ludwig, the son of Col. Claus von Stauffenberg; and Edda, the daughter of Luftwaffe chief, Herman Goering.

The reactions of these sons and daughters who were left to struggle with the terrifying heritage of the Third Reich were mixed. Hans Frank, the "Butcher of Poland" is condemned by one son, but admired by another.

"I would like to go to Israel," remarks Niklas Frank, "but how can I go, I'm ashamed to meet these people." A third son declared that he would never have any children because "after what my father did, I don't think the Frank name should go on."

Rolf Mengele says, "I know there is nothing I can do about this. I guess it's my fate to be his son . . . my father has done these things and now I must answer for them. But it cannot go on to my children. This heritage must end with me."

He tells of discovering his father in South America and secretly journeying there to confront him with his crimes. "I was ashamed of him, but he was my father — I couldn't turn him in."

Wolf Hess defends his father as a man of peace who was wrongfully imprisoned and murdered by his prison guards.

Ursula Donitz and Edda Goering refused to acknowledge the guilt of their fathers. They are not haunted as were some of the other sons and daughters by the conflicting images of "an indulgent, cultured parent who was steeped in German music and poetry and of a monster who sent over two million Polish Jews to their death . . . if they admit to the Holocaust, the blame is put on others."

Perhaps the only admirable personality among the Nazi bigwigs was the cultured and aristocratic von Stauffenberg who was involved in the abortive plot to assassinate Hitler and was executed as a traitor.

Declares his son, "I don't see my father as the perfect god on earth. I think he was a very intelligent man with great courage, but I also see him as somebody who also had his weaknesses as any other person . . . the memory and knowledge of what my father did will always be very special to me."

What purpose does this book serve? It doesn't add much to the historical record. But the author suggests that these human interest sketches reveal emotional insights into the lives and thoughts of both condemned and those who bear the burden of inherited guilt.

Moreover, they convey the attitudes of an important sampling of children, five of whose parents were defendants at the main Nuremberg trial.

Revealing and uncommon photographs add graphic interest to the absorbing text.

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Jackson's Point, by Kenneth Sherman (Oberon Press, (paper)).

A generation or so ago, Jackson's Point, a small town on Lake Simcoe, was a popular summer resort for Ontario Jews. Years later the Toronto author of this impressive group of poems returned to gather memories, to search for lost persons, to retrieve "the departed cast of characters gathering there like ghosts."

Sherman's quest for the past turns up characters like gruff, bearded Goldman who watched the passing summers, "exchange the horse-drawn wagon for a Chevy van," and Anderson, the beer-bellied iceman whose truck, "had fallen through the frozen lake/drowned, not to be recovered."

The old synagogue still stands where once the elders ate egg bread and "drowned salted herring, the astringent blood of rye." In one poem some of the locals engage in anti-Semitic chatter at the reopening of Cohen's Bakery.

They are shamed into silence at the appearance of Mrs. Seligman, a hunched, arthritic refugee to the community. "I expected some ridiculing comment/but her slow, halting steps/along the bleached pavement/drew the awed customer's eyes behind her."

Apart from the poems about Jackson's Point, the material celebrates a wide range of subjects including impressions of modern China.

These impressionistic and thoughtful poems, filled with memorable images are easily read, enjoyed and savored. A writer, confesses Sherman, when there is no one to talk to, talks to paper. Happily, he also talks to us.

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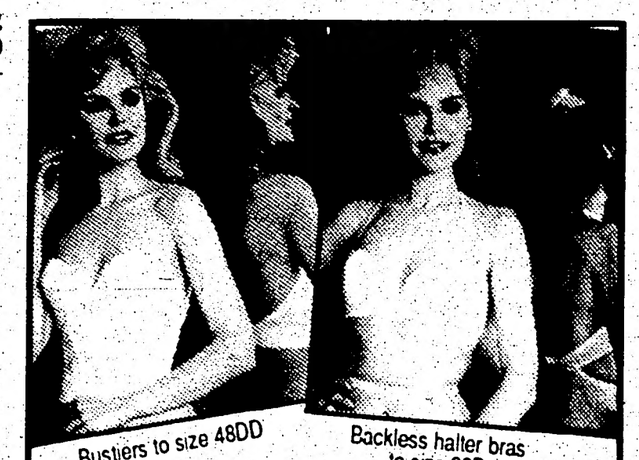

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Those Were The Days is a flavorsome Yiddish feast

The Lively ARTS

By FRANK RASKY

TORONTO — Oy, Gotenyu! Dear, sweet Lord, bless you for this *mechaya* musical!

You don't have to be versed in Yinglish to know I'm rhapsodizing about that juicy, pleasureful feast called *Those Were The Days*, available for tasting until June 30 at the Leah Posluns Theatre (630-6752).

It's the Yiddish-English nostalgia revue, evoking the flavorsome days for Jews, extending from the shtetl to the East Side of New York. It recently ran for four months on Broadway, where it deservedly was nominated for two Tony Awards and two Drama Desk Awards.

The New York Times non-Jewish drama critic, Richard Shepard, likened it to a glass of cold seltzer, which brings a sparkle to the eye and a tickle to the throat. I'd call it a sumptuous banquet of more than 40 *haymishe* songs and sketches, which made me laugh or cry unbashedly and induced me to join the opening night audience in clapping my hands to the beat of the sentimental old tunes.

The original cast of five New York performers — along with **Zalmen Mlotek's** five-member Golden Land Klezmer Band — are all polished Broadway troupers. They're each so gifted, it's hard to pick out my favorite pieces.

The star of the show is handsome, impish **Bruce Adler**, steeped in Jewish theatre since the age of seven, who also has performed in **Stephen Sondheim's** *Sunday In The Park With George*. He's adept at doing Danny Kaye git-gat-gittle scat singing in a Cossack uniform for ex-Montrealer **Mel Tolkin's** *Palace Of The Czar* (Where I went shootin'/With Rasputin). And he's equally at ease doing a soulful Al Jolson-like rendition of the lullaby, *Oyfn Pripetshik* (At the Fireplace).

You may remember **Lori Wilner** as the fine actress who portrayed Israel's first female paratrooper Hannah Senesh in her one-woman *Hannah* show at the Posluns Theatre a few seasons ago. She now demonstrates she can be a sexy singer a la Marlene Dietrich in a Kurt Weill-style version of *Shpil Guitar* (Play Guitar). As well, she outbelts the Andrew Sisters when delivering (with lots of pow) **Sammy Cahn's** hot swing number, *Bei Mir Bis Tu Schoen*. (To Me, You're Beautiful).

Eleanor Reissa, as well as being the revue's director and choreographer, is a splendid singer. Her version of *My Yiddishe Mama* has as much heart and soul as the performances of **Sophie Tucker** in her prime. **Mina Bern**, a white-haired veteran of Tel Aviv's Li-La-Lo Revue Theatre, does a heartbreaking monologue as a bubbie in America either rejected or exploited by her children.

And the most hilarious musical number in the show that drew belly laughs and a standing ovation was served up by her white-haired partner, **Robert Abelson**. A former bass baritone with the New York City Opera, he was funny yet affecting doing a Yiddish-flavored version of *Figaro's Aria* from Rossini's *Barber of Seville*.

I recommend this as a show for the whole family. Oldtimers like myself will love it of course, but I have a hunch it will also appeal to young people, interested in their roots, who can't speak Yiddish. They'll be able to savor the feel and flavor of genuine Yiddishkeit. And it'll help them understand the philosophy that kept their Jewish elders alive:

"When you're hungry, sing. When you're hurt, laugh."

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Eleanor Reissa and Bruce Adler co-star in Those Were The Days, the Broadway English-Yiddish musical revue at Leah Posluns Theatre.

MINIREVIEWS

I'd like to toss a bouquet to the Canadian Opera Company for staging with such panache two of Mozart's wittiest comic operas.

You still have time to catch *The Marriage Of Figaro*, running until June 29 at the O'Keefe Centre. It's his masterpiece about the wily barber-turned-valet using a bundle of tricks to outwit his lecherous master, Count Almaviva, who is intent on bedding down Figaro's fiancee Susanna.

It's a bit too long at three and a half hours. Nevertheless, the capering antics and luscious arias of the likes of Montreal mezzo-soprano Gabrielle Lavigne, Quebec baritone Gaetan Laperriere and New York bass-baritone Jan Opalach, plus the polished conducting of Jane Glover, artistic director of the London Mozart Players, combine to make it tantalizing entertainment.

Equally enjoyable was the COC's summer season opener, *Cosi Fan Tutte* (All Women Are Like That), about the partner-swapping of lovers. I particularly liked the superior acoustics and feeling of intimacy when the Leningrad-born Jewish conductor Yakov Kreizberg led the orchestra at the 1,500-seat Elgin Theatre. And it was fun to hear the playful quality of the singing and acting by New York's Jewish mezzo-soprano Mimi Lerner as the conniving maid Despina and Italian bass Federico Davia as the mischievous cynical bachelor.

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Business Outlook

Geared to lawyers, accountants, estate planners

Update '91 seminar provides answers for professionals

By
AKI CHENCINSKI

TORONTO —
Update '91, the 15th annual seminar designed for lawyers, accountants and estate planners was held at the Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue on Wednesday, June 12.

This program, sponsored by the professional advisory committee of the Endowment Fund, United Jewish Welfare Fund of Toronto, has become an annual pilgrimage for many of the legal, accounting and insurance professionals in the Jewish community and this year was attended by well over 200 people.

In addition to providing important technical information, the session provides an informal setting for many people to renew acquaintances.

This year's program was comprised of three segments. First there was a keynote address by Wolfe Goodman, of the law firm Goodman & Carr on the topic, Succession Duty and You — Plan Now for its Reintroduction. This was followed by a Revenue Canada round-table session, at which four senior Revenue Canada officials responded to a series of pre-submitted questions. This portion of the program was moderated by lawyer David Louis of Minden, Gross, Grafstein & Greenstein, and chartered accountant Victor Falko of Sacks, Pollack, Houpt & Co. Lastly, chartered accountant Michael Atlas, an independent tax practitioner, presented a paper on Effective Utilization of Tax Losses.

Wolfe Goodman (keynote speaker) and Charlotte Harber (chair) participated in Update '91.

Goodman's presentation focused on the possible reintroduction of succession duties by the Ontario NDP government. Succession duties are a tax at death on the value of a deceased estate. This contrasts to the capital gains tax that may be payable on accrued gains at death.

He discussed the history of succession duties, which were repealed in Ontario in 1979 and considered the constitutional and jurisdiction elements of such a tax. Goodman then explained various technical aspects of such a tax, including possible exemptions and planning options.

In closing, he stated that some planning should be considered, however, "until the so-called committee on fair taxation has reported its recommendations concerning the reinstatement of succession duties, we cannot be sure of the specific provision of any new succession duty legislation."

The second segment, the Revenue Canada panel, is always of great interest to the group, because it provides some sense of Revenue Canada's thinking on various important issues. Most questions were somewhat technical and dealt largely with administrative filing and collection issues. Reactions from the audience were mixed depending upon how favorable the responses were perceived.

At the end of this segment, Clyde King, chief of public affairs for Revenue Canada, Toronto, briefly discussed the newly unveiled Revenue Canada Fairness Package which is intended to provide relief for certain administrative provisions in circumstances beyond a taxpayer's control.

The final technical speaker, Atlas, reviewed various "relevant technical considerations relating to the effective utilization of losses for income tax purposes." This topic is especially important in the existing economic climate. He addressed a number of different areas, including the write-down of real estate inventory, recognizing losses in related party transfers, the use of losses in a corporate group and losses relating to mortgages and foreclosures. He also touched on losses flowing from condominium "investment/speculation."

In addition to the technical speakers, Gordon Cooper of Goodman & Carr, spoke briefly on the status and operation of the Endowment Fund. One of the principal objectives of the sponsoring organization is to make the Jewish community and especially its professional advisors more aware of the Endowment Fund program. Cooper indicated that the fund now held over $20 million, the earnings on which are used to supplement the regular annual UJA contributions, for the important needs of the Jewish community.

He described the benefits available and reasons that an individual should consider use of the Endowment Fund during one's lifetime or upon death. He also outlined the benefits of establishing a philanthropic fund as part of the Endowment Fund, as compared to setting up a private charitable foundation.

The key to the success and growth of the fund rests in the awareness of the community.

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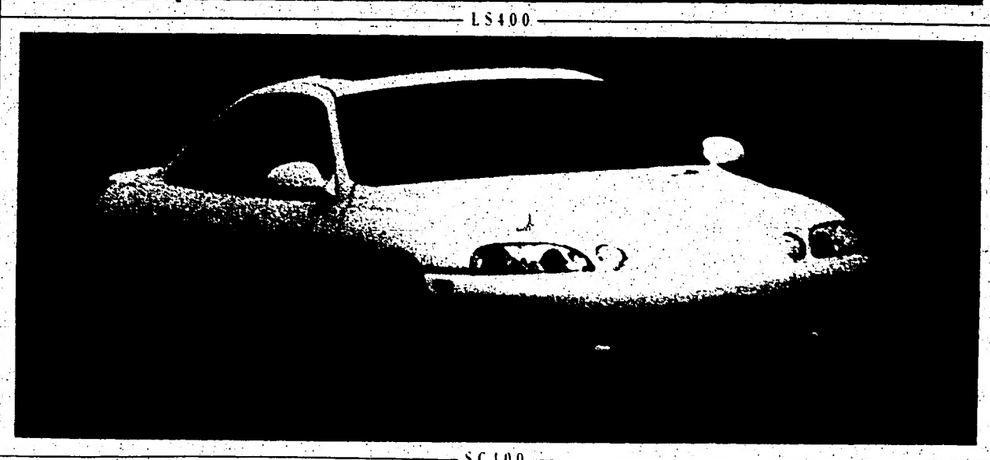
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Business Outlook

Israeli stocks examined

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO — North American investors should take a serious look at Israeli stocks not necessarily out of Zionist feelings but because those stocks are performing well, a leading investment banker says.

Jonathan Ben-Cnaan, president of the New York-based Axiom-I.C.F. Capital Inc., a four-year-old house specializing in Israel, told about 30 investors at the Primrose Club recently that since the end of the Gulf War, Israeli stocks have grown by 25 per cent and that the Axiom index of Israeli stocks has performed 12 times better than the Standard & Poor 500.

One little known fact among Canadian and U.S. investors, Ben-Cnaan said, is that between December, 1988 and February, 1991, the Axiom index of Israeli stocks rose by 243 per cent.

That has translated into $377 million worth of stock, or about 44 million shares, being traded a month today, compared to $30 million, or 11 million shares a month, three years ago.

In 1988, the trading volume on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange was $5 billion. Today, it is $11 billion, with 70 per cent of equity held by major investors.

"The North American market has not fully discovered Israeli stocks," said Ben-Cnaan, whose talk was sponsored by the Canada-Israel Chamber of Commerce.

"Only the more Zionistic investor will buy without knowing too much. The more conservative investor wants to know more."

There are 33 publicly-traded Israeli stocks in the United States today, available through the New York Stock Exchange, the American Stock Exchange and NASDAQ, the National Association of Security Dealers Automated Quotations.

These companies range from hi-tech to banks to food manufacturers, Ben-Cnaan explained.

Investors in Israel can buy these stocks in the United States and they are considered attractive because they are purchased with dollars, Ben-Cnaan explained. He said many of these stocks are not available for purchase in Israel.

Investors interested in Israeli stock should consider buying into emerging growth companies and companies which are one to two years away from an initial public offering, he advised.

Ben-Cnaan said investors "should forget" about companies that need money for research coverage.

There is still plenty of room for growth in Israeli stocks because of less government intervention, more investment capital and the massive increase in immigration to Israel, he said.

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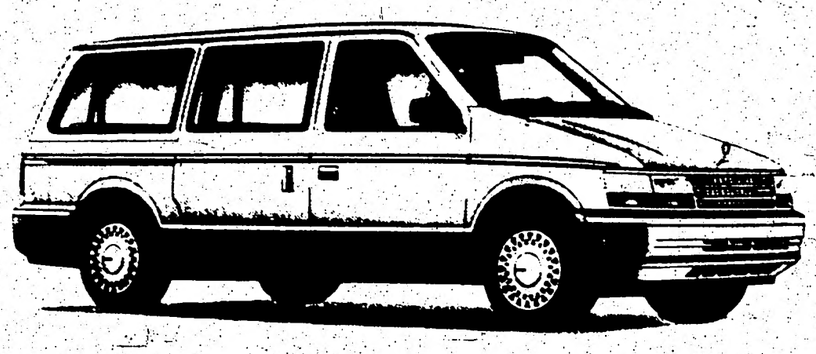
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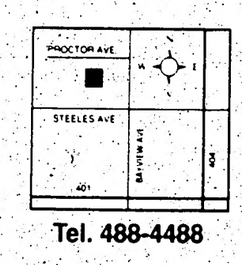

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